

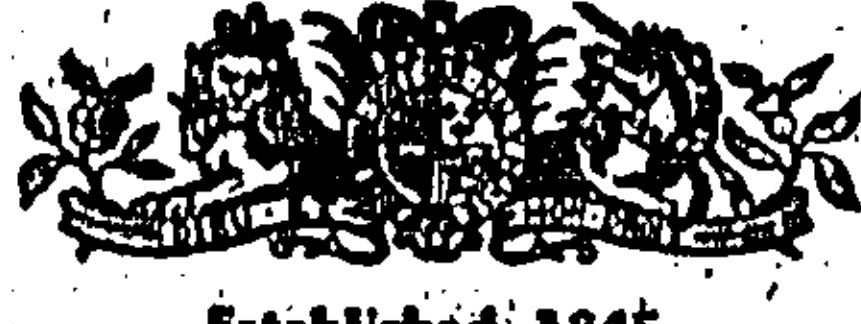
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SOVIET NOTE CAUSES CRISIS

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ATMOSPHERE Russian Opposition To Rearming Of West Germany

Brussels, Dec. 17.

Russia's newest threats to act if Germans are rearmed threw an atmosphere of crisis over Atlantic Pact leaders assembling here tonight to seal Western defence plans.

Foreign and Defence Ministers of the 12 nation group meet formally on Monday to consider the grand design of defence against Communism. Their experts have drawn up this design after two years of talking.

One of its key provisions looks to the use of a German contingent in a combined Western Army in Europe. To this, the Russians objected in a sudden move which has blanketed Monday's conference under a crisis atmosphere as thick as the heavy snow which fell all afternoon.

The Kremlin sent notes to Britain and France on Saturday which asserted:

1. Arming of Germans by the Atlantic Allies would violate the Potsdam pact of 1945.
2. West Germany's inclusion in the Atlantic Pact setup would invalidate Russia's alliance treaties with Britain and France.

The Russians said they would not tolerate German rearmament. They did not say what they would do, but they put the responsibility on Britain and France for anything that might happen. Some Western diplomats here were asking if this was not the kind of warning Red China made, and later fulfilled, as the United Nations forces crossed the 38th Parallel in Korea.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman described the Soviet note as a "tactical device" timed to coincide with the Brussels meeting.

American Secretary of State Dean Acheson is due to arrive here on Monday. He and his aides are expected to urge that the best way to meet Russian threats is to translate defence plans into deeds.

GENERAL AGREEMENT

There is general agreement about this among the pact partners. It is, however, tempered with some misgiving on the part

of one or two nations which have never really liked the idea of putting Germans in uniform again.

French and British officials, for instance, said the Ministers may make their decisions on the use of Germans provisionally, pending the outcome of a planned show down conference with the Russians on Germany.

The big Western powers are due in the next day or two formally to agree to such a conference, which the Russians asked for early in November. American, British and French notes will go to Moscow proposing an early meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Council on German and other questions.

The time it would take to arrange big four talks could then be used, in the British and French view, to get an unwilling West German government to accept the Atlantic Alliance plan for raising a 150,000 strong force.

Federal Chancellor Konrad Adenauer already has received an outline of the plan. He and other West German political leaders have turned it down in advance, however, on the ground that it keeps West Germany in a position of inferiority in relation to other Western nations.

The Defence and Foreign Ministers meet in joint session on Monday.

The decisions will trigger into action one of the mightiest peacetime defence programmes in all history. Its purpose is to build up a wall of men and steel in a giant semicircle around the Red belt of Europe, from Norway in the far north down to Sicily in the south.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and the Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, are due to meet privately in the course of their three days stay here to discuss issues outside the Atlantic pact.

While the emphasis of their talks is likely to stay on Germany and the need to speed Western preparations, they will also take the opportunity of looking at the Far Eastern situation.

HOPES WHITTLED

Since the 12-nation defence treaty was signed in the Spring of 1949, the hopes of men for a lasting peace have been whittled down by the mounting tempo of the East-West cold war and the fighting in Korea. The nations of Europe, notably, are nervous. France have shown in that time they are loath to march again only five years after VE Day.

Yet this two-minded Europe, torn between its twin fears of Russia and a revived Germany, has been led into decisions by the Korean war. And so it looks like going along with the United States and Britain in a move to give Germans of the West guns again.

Waiting to prepare defences against Communism is America's General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the man who led the Western fight against Fascism in World War II.

The US some months ago offered to commit a large new force of the defence of Europe. But she hinged the offer on her Allies acceptance of an adequate plan for defending Europe as far East as possible.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN'S STATEMENT

Washington, Dec. 17. The following is the text of President Harry Truman's statement as Mr. Dean Acheson, US Secretary of State, left for the Brussels conference:

Our Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, is flying today to represent this country at a Council meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty powers.

He is leaving at a time when this country and the other nations of the free world stand in their greatest peril.

This is going to be a very important meeting. Out of it will come arrangements for a friendly integrated European defence system.

Such a system will provide the basis for a strong and effective supreme command under distinguished leadership. This will be one more step in our broad plan to strengthen the nations of the world for peace.

Our foreign policy must be a continuing and consistent policy. We shall continue here and in other areas of the world to build our strength and the strength of our allies to maintain peace in the world.

This meeting in Brussels will show that contrary to Communist hopes the peoples of the North Atlantic community are determined to remain united. Secretary Acheson goes tonight to Brussels to meet with representatives of the other nations of the North Atlantic community.



These US Marines won't miss the train—they run it. From rolling stock battered by air attacks, they have assembled one locomotive and 13 coaches which they have found very useful during the North Korean fighting and in the retreat southwards.—London Express Service.

REQUESTS DEBATE ON KASHMIR

Lake Success, Dec. 17. The Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrulla Khan, has asked the Security Council to reopen the debate on Kashmir.

The text of Sir Mohammed's letter to the Security Council reads:

"I have the honour to invite your attention to the letter of September 15, 1950, from the UN representative for India and Pakistan to the President of the Security Council reporting on the failure of the mission entrusted to him by the Security Council's resolution of March 14, 1950, to secure the demilitarisation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir preparatory to the holding of a plebiscite.

"Sir Owen Dixon's report has been with the Security Council for nearly three months and the people of Pakistan and of Kashmir are greatly concerned over the serious delay in dealing with the urgent and important matter.

"Almost three years have passed since the Security Council became seized of the Kashmir dispute and came to the conclusion that its solution lay in a free and impartial plebiscite to decide the question of the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India or to Pakistan."—Reuter.

India Still Striving For Peace Formula

New Delhi, Dec. 17. India is hopeful of continuing her peace efforts despite the announced withdrawal of the Chinese delegation from Lake Success, informed sources said here today.

This country, being the only direct non-Communist link with Peking, is likely to continue as an intermediary between the Western powers and China.

The announcement that Wu Hsiang-chuan was leaving created some dismay among Indian proponents of a cease-fire, but others anticipated a shift in the emphasis of efforts to solve the Korean problem from Lake Success to New Delhi.

India, with her own Ambassador, Mr. K. M. Panikkar, in Peking, is best equipped to continue the efforts to persuade the Chinese Reds to evacuate Korea.

Naval Guns Lay Down Curtain Of Fire To Protect Beachhead

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

American Naval guns laid a curtain of fire around the slowly melting Allied beachhead at Hungnam in northeast Korea on Sunday night.

Carrier based air strikes and Army artillery added to the weight of metal that held back the menacing Chinese Communists.

American doughboys and some South Koreans were in the outer line of the narrowing half-moon perimeter around the seaport. Now and then they rose from their snowy foxholes and drove back light Chinese attacks or struck at roving Communist patrols.

These last ditch fighters were surrounded on three sides by icy hills teaming with Reds. In the immediate area were estimated 25,000 Chinese, while upwards of 75,000 others were moving up.

The climactic fight for the beachhead, last teohold, of the US Tenth Corps in northeast Korea, was near at hand in zero weather.

HANGNAM BYPASSED

The Chinese moved cautiously in their build-up and appeared handicapped by lack of artillery. Associated Press correspondent Stan Swinton reported from the beachhead that the Chinese bypassed Hungnam, former United Nations military centre for Northeast Korea. That demolition torn city, six miles in from

Hungnam port, was abandoned by the Allies on Saturday. Chinese patrols probed into Hungnam briefly, but withdrew, leaving only a few North Korean agents to reimpose Communist rule over the city.

Hungnam was made hot for the new rulers. US fighter bombers fire-bombed it on Sunday, sending great clouds of smoke billowing from its northern suburbs. Tenth Corps intelligence officers said between 4,000 and 10,000 Chinese advance forces were closely ringing the beachhead around Hungnam.

The US heavy cruiser Saint Paul and Rochester poured eight-inch shells into Chinese positions, raking the approaches to Hungnam. Hard-hitting destroyers stepped up the thunderous volume of the bombardment with cracking five-inch shell bursts.

There was no immediate estimate of Chinese casualties from the massed fire from ships and shore. However, 300 Reds were killed on the Hungnam plain trying to break through American infantry lines. Swinton said the Reds were caught under a shower of artillery fire.

Associated Press correspondent Tom Lambert said small numbers of white-cloaked Chinese soldiers attempted to rush American outposts in the night in "feeler" thrusts. To reach the lines they had to pass through territory lighted by Navy star shells and swept by heavy fire.—Associated Press.

Murder Echo Two Men Surrender And Confess

Manila, Dec. 18. Two men wanted for the murder last month of American businessman John P. Herber surrendered to Cavite province Governor Camerino.

Colonel Jose P. Rueda, Cavite Constabulary Commander, said the pair confessed participation in the hold-up murder.

Mr. Herber, an American importer who had arrived in Manila that morning, was "killed" on November 19 while driving with friends from Manila to Cavite town of Tagaytay. Bandits stopped the car by throwing a banana log across the road. They began shooting when a Constabulary patrol happened on the scene, and Mr. Herber was killed.

Col. Rueda said two other suspects in the killing—one a police sergeant in a small town near the scene of the ambush—were expected to be captured soon. These two suspects were once arrested but escaped from a provincial goal by removing the hinges from the goal door.—Associated Press.

Archbishop Addresses 20,000

Auckland, Dec. 17. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, addressed 20,000 people assembled in the precincts and adjoining streets of Canterbury Cathedral today for Canterbury's centennial thanksgiving service. It was the greatest religious observance ever held in New Zealand.

Attending the service was the Governor-General, Sir Bernard Freyberg, the Prime Minister, Mr. Sidney Holland, Ministers of State and diplomatic representatives of many countries.

Need For West
German Rearmament

France Says Russia Is To Blame

Paris, Dec. 17. French diplomats tonight prepared a five-point note to Soviet Russia, throwing back on Moscow responsibility for West German rearmament.

Use of German units, said well-informed French officials, is necessary to help defend the West against the overwhelming military machine which exists East of the Iron curtain.

This was being drafted as France's answer to the Russian note yesterday accusing France of violating the 1944 Franco-Russian alliance in encouraging German rearmament and joining an alleged anti-Soviet coalition.

The Soviet moved on the eve of the 12-power conference in Brussels, where Atlantic Pact Foreign Ministers are to decide on the incorporation of German units, if and when the Bonn government agrees to furnish them.

A similar Russian note to London accused Britain of violating the Anglo-Russian treaty and the three-power, records of Potsdam.

THE FIVE POINTS

The five points of the French reply as outlined by well informed officials were:

1. Russian rejection of international arms control by the United Nations is the cause of the current world arms race.

2. Soviet satellites of Eastern Europe have violated the peace treaties of 1947 in maintaining armies larger than the treaties permit. This has produced a "profound unbalance" of Eastern and Western forces.

3. Russian refusal to aid UN in establishing a system of collective security, especially in Korea, has created a deep feeling of insecurity.

4. German military forces have been created in the Soviet zone of Germany. France has never been officially notified of the creation of the "Popular Police" in the Soviet zone but had she been notified she would have considered their existence a violation of articles two and five of the Franco-Russian treaty.

5. Only because of these circumstances France is obliged to study reinforcement of her own security and that of West Europe. Hence she has begun the study of a possible West German contribution to the common defence.—Associated Press.

Winston In Morocco

Marrakesh, Dec. 17. Mr. Winston Churchill arrived here today by air to spend his Christmas holidays in Morocco.—Reuter.

Brutal Murder

Singapore, December 18. An attractive Chinese girl and two maidservants were brutally murdered in a flat in the Chinese quarter during the early hours of today.

Neighbours said they heard cries but were unable to investigate because of the curfew clamped down by the police after last Monday's Heriogh riots. No arrests have yet been made.—Associated Press.

31 Feared Dead In Air Disaster

STUDENTS AMONG PASSENGERS

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 17.

An Avensa Airlines DC-3 plane crashed in the Andean mountains of Southwestern Venezuela, and 31 persons, including 27 teenage students, are believed killed.

The plane, chartered by a Catholic school to take children to Caracas for their Christmas holidays, crashed on Friday after taking off from Merida, about 40 miles West of Caracas.

The airline and Radio Valera, which first reported the crash, had three crew members and 28 passengers were killed, but this is not officially confirmed. Search crews which sought to reach the crash were forced to turn back because of intense cold. The passenger list included names of prominent Venezuelan families.—Associated Press.

ALL ABOARD DEAD. A later message says that the plane finally reached the wreckage and found that all the people aboard were dead.

One Looter Slain. Second Captured

Manila, Dec. 18. Security guards surprised two Filipinos looting supplies inside Clark Field Air Force base Saturday night.

They killed one and wounded and captured the second, an Air Force PRO said.—Associated Press.

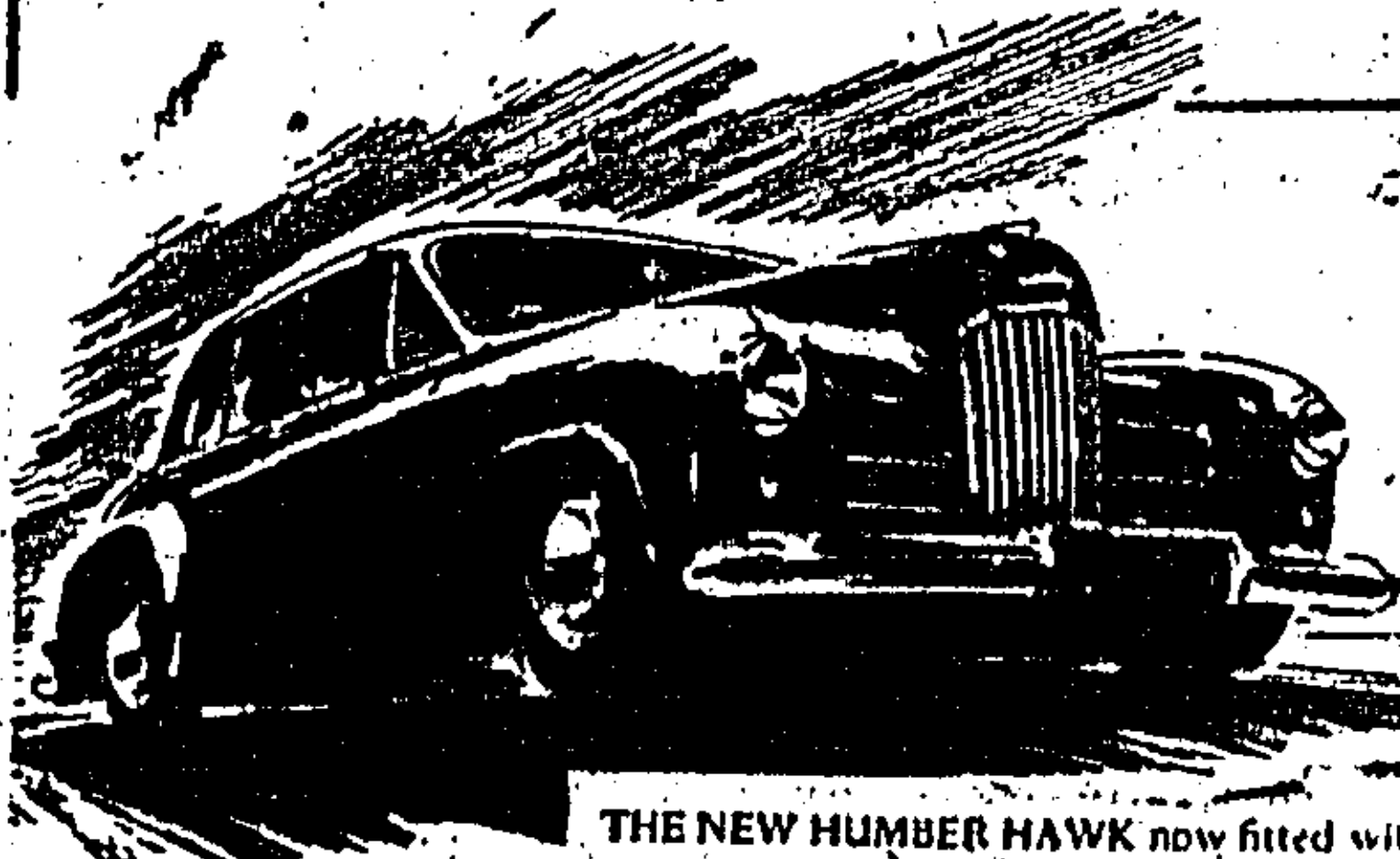
COMMENT OF THE DAY

National Emergency

PRESIDENT Truman's national emergency proclamation as well as his solemn radio address to the nation signifies that the United States Administration has shed its last illusions regarding the determination of international Communism to apply aggression where and whenever it can, and that Mr. Truman and his advisers realise the imperative necessity of bringing the American nation to a state where it can adequately protect itself and also offer protection to its allies against further Communist intimidation. Undoubtedly events in Korea speeded President Truman's decision to mobilise his nation's defensive resources, yet in his broadcast he made it clear that Western Europe was confronted with great danger; that while Russia was willing to allow satellites such as Red China to do her fighting for her in the Far East, she herself was preparing to strike in the West. The pattern which President Truman described and the conclusions he reached are grim: the peace of the world is gravely threatened, and we would be deluding ourselves to think otherwise. Russia and her satellites are using lies and deceit as a smoke screen to cover their real intention—domination of the world through military action. This position was expressly stated by Mr. Truman and its validity can no longer be doubted. The United States has reacted in the only way likely to impress warlike Communism. It is an action which carries with it a stern warning to Russia and her friends that further aggression cannot be tolerated; that the United States and her allies are going to make

themselves ready to defend the free countries and the peace of the world. The result is today the American people face a host of restrictions on luxury living; they will have to do without many things to provide materials of more vital importance. The coming year is to be a year of austerity, of manpower mobilisation, of tremendous effort to produce more, of higher taxation. Britons have been familiar with this way of life for 12 solid years, in the first place to make a gigantic war effort, and secondly to bring about their own economic salvation. And Britons will sympathise with their American cousins that they, five years after fighting a successful war, have now to undergo once again the rigours of wartime restrictions and the many personal sacrifices these entail. But it may be of some consolation to the people of America that their allies in Western Europe are also confronted with the necessity for greater austerity, of concentration on defence needs in the common purpose of being ready to defend democratic freedom against the fanatical hatred of international Communism. Nevertheless, in meeting the military threat of Communism by declaring a state of national emergency, Mr. Truman emphasises that the democracies are always willing, through the United Nations, to help maintain the peace of the world by friendly co-operation and mutual understanding. The United Nations remains the one instrument by which international differences can be resolved in the appropriate manner, and only refusal on the part of Russia and her satellites to recognise the authority of UN can rob that organisation of its status.

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British Padre Conducts A Burial Service



The solemn scene as Father (Captain) Webb Jones of the Middlesex Regiment (left) conducts burial services in the midst of the ruins of Yangsangni during a lull in the fighting in Korea.

Atlantic Pact Powers Open Defence Meeting

Brussels, Dec. 17.

The Foreign and Defence Ministers of the 12 North Atlantic Treaty nations, meeting here tomorrow, will give final approval to an integrated European Command; the appointment of a Supreme Commander and the broad outline of German participation, quarters close to the defence organisation stated today.

General Dwight Eisenhower's appointment as the Supreme Commander was expected to be announced almost immediately after the decision.

Germany will contribute one-fifth of the integrated European Army, whose strength is unofficially estimated at from 55 to 59 divisions, the same sources said.

The Atlantic nations have agreed to a plan on the target of men, weapons and material they will each put into the defensive pool.

A North Atlantic Treaty organisation spokesman, commenting on reports that Germany's Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, or other German leaders would attend the Brussels talks, said: "There is no reason why the Germans should have been brought in at this stage."

"Our problem is to get the 12 European countries to reach a common agreement on the basis for German participation. It will now presumably be up to the High Commissioners to present this programme to the Bonn Government as a framework for German participation."

The spokesman described the latest Russian notes to Britain and France, protesting against German rearmament, as "normal tactics for the Russians to adopt to try to divide, frighten and paralyse any attempt to work out a defensive union for the West."

He said there has been a "deterioration in the German attitude during the past month."

SOVIET NOTE

London, Dec. 17.

The Soviet note alleging violations by Britain of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty was described by a Foreign Office spokesman today as a "patently tactical device" timed to coincide with the meeting of the North Atlantic Council of Ministers in Brussels tomorrow.

The text of the note, which was delivered on Friday night, has now been received in London.

The spokesman said it must be read against the background of the Soviet policy since the end of the war. That policy, he added, had been to build up a bloc of subservient States in Eastern Europe with the military aspect emphasised by the appointment of a Soviet Marshal to control the Polish Army and by the formation of the Beretschka in Eastern Germany.

He pointed out that the three Western Powers, protested to Moscow on May 23 against the formation of the East German force.—Reuter.

Warning Of Mine Crisis

Swansea, South Wales, Dec. 17.

Britain would have no miners in 27 years unless the present falling trend of manpower in the pits was reversed, Mr Arthur Horner, General Secretary of the 600,000-strong National Union of Mineworkers, declared today.

Mr Horner said that the miners could not be blamed for the present supply shortages which have become such that Britain, traditionally a coal exporter, is now importing coal from the United States.

Declaring that recruitment for the coalfields was a responsibility for the country as a whole, he added: "For years we have been warning of a manpower crisis. The only remedy

Diplomatic Efforts To Save Korea Cease-Fire

New York, Dec. 17.

Diplomatic efforts to save the Korean truce proposals were proceeding at a high pitch—for a Sunday—today as General Wu Hsi-chuan, the leader of the Peking delegation, prepared to fly back to his country within the next 48 hours.

Actually, General Wu's request to Mr Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, to make arrangements for his departure by air on Tuesday caused a number of United Nations diplomats to get together hurriedly to take stock of the position and see what could be done to obtain a postponement of General Wu's departure.

So far there has been no change in General Wu's plans to leave on Tuesday.

Hopes had not been given up, however, that the "interim report," which is to be submitted to the political Committee tomorrow by the three member cease-fire commission, might influence General Wu's mind.

General Wu has already distributed to the press the speech he had prepared for the Political Committee, but it was considered possible that if the body took up the Formosan question on Monday, General Wu might attend the meeting and even decide to stay on for a while.

There were no hard indications from any official source, however, that General Wu had plans to attend the meetings of the Committee.

Most newspapers today interpreted General Wu's statement at his press conference yesterday as a rejection of the cease-fire proposal.

"NO AUTHORITY"

It was pointed out in official circles connected with the cease-fire talks, however, that from the outset General Wu had said that he had no authority to carry on cease-fire talks, and that therefore his statement need not necessarily mean a Peking rejection of the principle of a cease-fire.

What General Wu had attacked was in his own words, "the proposal of 'cease-fire first' in Korea, a proposal which met the approval of Mr Austin."

General Wu had put the words "cease-fire first" within quotes in his statement. Observers said that General Wu was clearly assailing the decision of the Asian group to split up its original composite resolution into two: cease-fire and discussion of the Far Eastern political questions—to seek priority of discussion in the Political Committee only for the cease-fire and to shelve the political questions.

They saw in General Wu's action an attempt to force the hands of the United Nations not only to take up political questions at the same time as the

cease-fire, but also to raise the talks from a mere Lake Success-Flushing Meadow level to the plane of Lake Success-Washington-Peking.

This is how the argument ran:

The cease-fire proposal, as it now stands, was enthusiastically supported by 54 nations—the United Nations, except the five Soviet countries and Nationalist China.

The vote was actually greater than the original support to the police action in Korea.

From the point of view of those countries that have always favoured simultaneous consideration of political and military compulsory negotiations, with Peking direct might help a solution rather than retard it.

Hitherto, some of the members of the Cease-Fire Commission had firmly discounted any suggestions of their going to Peking.

In his speech yesterday, General Wu indicated the conditions on which peace in the Far East, including withdrawal of "volunteers" from Korea, was possible and in this he gave priority to Peking's United Nations membership and "major voice" in Asia.

This meant, according to competent observers, that if a cease-fire issue was taken up direct with Peking by the United Nations, as they would now have to do, the main political question raised by China would also have to be considered, if not decided simultaneously, as Communist China would not discuss any major problems except on a basis of equality.

REAL SNAG

The real snag, therefore, is whether the United States would agree and whether the necessary seven-member majority would be available in the Security Council to admit New China.

In the opinion of Sir Benegal Narasing Rau, the leading spirit behind the original truce idea, General Wu's speech need not give rise to the degree of pessimism that has generally been evinced.

He thinks that General Wu still has left the door open for discussion.

The meeting that Sir Benegal expects to have with General Wu before the Cease-Fire Commission reports back to the Political Committee tomorrow would further clarify the situation.

Unless means are found of keeping General Wu in New York, the cease-fire talks will become transferred at once to Peking. It is known that all avenues of contacts with Peking are being explored, and the possibility of United Nations representatives going to Peking are said to be studied.

Meanwhile, one "tongue-tied" about yesterday's press conference was that General Wu had specifically requested Mr Trygve Lie that the conference be arranged in the Security Council chamber. General Wu then sat in the Presidential chair, the seat presently occupied by Dr T. F. Tsiang, the President of the Security Council for December, and the seat reserved for the Republic of China. General Wu was regarded as having given a broad hint that that seat was the key to the present troubles of the United Nations.—Reuter.

Peking's Retaliation

New York, Dec. 17.

Informed sources said the reported Chinese export ban probably would force the United States to spend more money to sustain the Japanese economy, heretofore partly dependent on trade with the Chinese mainland.

The chief Chinese shipments to the United States have been tung oil and hog bristles used for palaces and brushes and tin, tungsten and antimony.

Informed officials said the loss of tung oil and hog bristles will affect the U.S. civilian industry because there are really no suitable substitutes. "We'd certainly like that stuff but it is not going to throw the American economy into a tailspin," one official remarked. He added that the U.S. has not been getting "great quantities" of tin, tungsten and antimony from Red China, and is "not dependent" on shipments from that "Orient." There was no immediate indication of whether the United States would take any further steps in view of the Chinese Communist export ban.—United Press.

Schuman Plan Jeopardised

Paris, Dec. 17.

The six-nation conference on the Schuman coal and steel merger plan adjourned today until January 1, Mr Jean Monnet, the head of the French delegation, announced.

A month ago hopes were held out by the French delegation that the pool treaty would be initiated at the beginning of December, and finally approved and signed by the six Foreign Ministers this month.

International events were believed in conference circles to have influenced the decision to postpone the treaty. The only remedy

Anti-Chinese Scenes In United States

Washington, Dec. 17.

The Chinese (Nationalist) Embassy today issued a public statement deploring the alleged anti-Chinese demonstrations which it said have taken place in the United States since Red China invaded Korea.

The Embassy said the Chinese residents in the United States are strongly anti-Communist and should not be associated with "violent actions" of the Chinese Communists in China and Korea.

The statement said the Embassy had received reports that Chinese nationals in the United States have "been subjected to unprovoked remarks and maltreatment in other ways" and some of their shops have been stoned by American citizens who apparently sought to express their feelings in protest against the Chinese Communist aggression in Korea.

"Such manifestations, however natural and excusable are unfortunate and regrettable because the Chinese residents in this hospitable country have been known as a whole to be law-abiding and anti-Communist and to cherish the American way of life. They strongly deplore the anti-American propaganda and demonstrations on the main streets of China officially sponsored by the Communist regime and the armed attacks by the Chinese Communist troops against the United States and other United Nations forces in Korea."—United Press.

Inflationary Impulse

London, Dec. 17.

Warnings about inflation danger are appeals for strict economy in public and private business came today from the powerful Federation of British Industries and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

The Federation (FBI) said that some raw material shortages amounted to "actual famine."

The basis of industry was being "undermined." Only sacrifices could make room for the growing defence expenditure in the national economy.

The Chambers of Commerce appealed to members to avoid increases in personal income from earnings or investment because of the "strong inflationary impulse" coming from the rearmament programme.—Reuter.

Polish Protest To France

London, Dec. 17.

Poland has sent a note to France protesting against the dissolution of the Polish Football Union in France, Warsaw Radio said tonight.

The Radio said that, according to the note, the Polish sportsmen had been threatened with loss of work in the State mine to compel them to resign from the club.—Reuter.

Albania Repeat

London, Dec. 17.

The Albanian Foreign Office has sent to Mr Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, a protest against a new alleged infringement of Albanian air space and territory by Greece, Tirana, Radio said today.

The protest said that the Greeks were "betraying the Anglo-American masters."—Reuter.

FLOUR FOR TITO

Belgrade, Dec. 17.

The first American aid flour has arrived from Italy at the Yugoslav frontier station Seganja, Frontier reported consisted of 180 tons.

It is part of the 35,000 tons promised from American stocks there to help Yugoslavia, whose harvests were ruined by drought.—Reuter.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

Victim Re-Weds

London, Dec. 17.

Marie Raven, 23-year-old widow of Daniel Raven who "battered her father and mother to death in October, 1949, was married in a London hotel to a man whose name is being kept secret.

The ceremony was performed by a Jewish Rabbi, the Rev. Saul Anshin, who recited a special prayer for the future of the petite, auburn-haired girl.

Daniel Raven was executed last January for murder. After the trial, Mrs Raven said she was determined never to let her baby son hear of the tragedy which had befallen her.—Reuter.

BREAKDOWN OF EMPIRE PRESS TRANSMISSIONS

London, Dec. 17.

The Council of the Empire Press Union, which embraces a majority of the newspaper interests of the Commonwealth and Empire, has called for the setting up of relay stations to combat the increasing difficulties in news transmission to and from Commonwealth countries.

Discussing what was described as "the very serious collapse of Commonwealth telecommunications for press purposes" at its meeting last Tuesday, the Council has now issued a memorandum listing the various causes in apparent order of importance as:

1.—The peak of a sunspot cycle which is associated with the daily "fading-out" of long-distance radio for varying periods.

2.—The change-over to Post Office control of Electra House, the Commonwealth's London terminal, which was formerly operated by Cable and Wireless, Limited, as a commercial company.

It had seemed to many Commonwealth Press correspondents in London to be "more than a coincidence that the present disastrous breakdown follows the transfer to Post Office control, whereas their despatches had been passing speedily through ever since the close of the war."

For the past two months it has been increasingly difficult—at times impossible—to send news telegrams between Britain and the Commonwealth countries overseas, in either direction, whether by the normal British radio "beams" or by cable.

ONLY REMEDY

The breakdowns which have cut off more especially Australia and New Zealand for periods that have already reached 30 hours, may, so far as can be seen, continue to lengthen, the memorandum said.

Under such conditions news—always a swiftly perishable commodity—simply ceases to be news. Even during the war the position was not worse than it is at present.

"The breakdown is particularly menacing at this time of severe international tension," the memorandum declared.

"The only known remedy for radio is the establishment of intermediate relay stations—a long and costly process, providing vulnerability in time of war."

"Nevertheless, such relay stations would seem to be urgently needed. Coupled with that, new cables are called for. Here again, while the cost would be heavy, the need is great. The scattered Commonwealth system needs a first-class nervous system."

The memorandum added that while these remedies would be decisive they would take years to apply. It ended with a query: "In the meantime, what can be done to start inter-commonwealth news and information flowing freely again?" it asked.—Reuter.

Togliatti's Trip

Rome, Dec. 17.

The Italian Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, left by train for Moscow today for a "long rest." The 57-year-old Togliatti was accompanied by his physician, Dr Mario Spallini, his 10-year-old adopted daughter and the attractive woman Communist deputy, Leonida Jotti.—Reuter.

VOLUNTARY FREEZE IN U.S. CALL

Washington, Dec. 17.

A voluntary "freeze" of all prices and wages will be called for early this week by the United States Economic Stabilization Agency, officials predicted today.

Having set the anti-inflation machinery in motion with yesterday's order imposing a ceiling on new car prices, the Economic Stabilization Agency's Administrator, Mr Alan Valentine, gave every sign that he would keep up the process.

His next major move, officials said, would be to call for a nationwide general voluntary ceiling on prices and wages. Adherence to this standard, probably fixed at the level of December 1 or some other recent date, will be requested of business firms, unions and the public.

This "freeze" will last only until March. By that time the Agency believes that it will be ready to administer an effective compulsory control system either on selected goods or on the whole economy.—Reuter.

Meat Offered To Britain

Montevideo, Dec. 16.

Responsible sources said today that the Uruguayan government was ready to resume meat shipments to Britain at the provisional price of £27.5 per ton, providing the British agreed to work out a new price agreement within 90 days.—United Press.

Aluminium From Canada

London, Dec. 17.

The Ministry of Supply announced today arrangements for increased supplies of aluminium from Canada—sufficient, it was stated, to provide for rising defence requirements.—Reuter.

Mysore Grows Flax

Mysore, Dec. 17.

Flax is to be grown for the first time on a commercial scale in the South Indian industrial State of Mysore.

Mysore is the leading silk-producing state in India.—Reuter.

Jet Shot Down

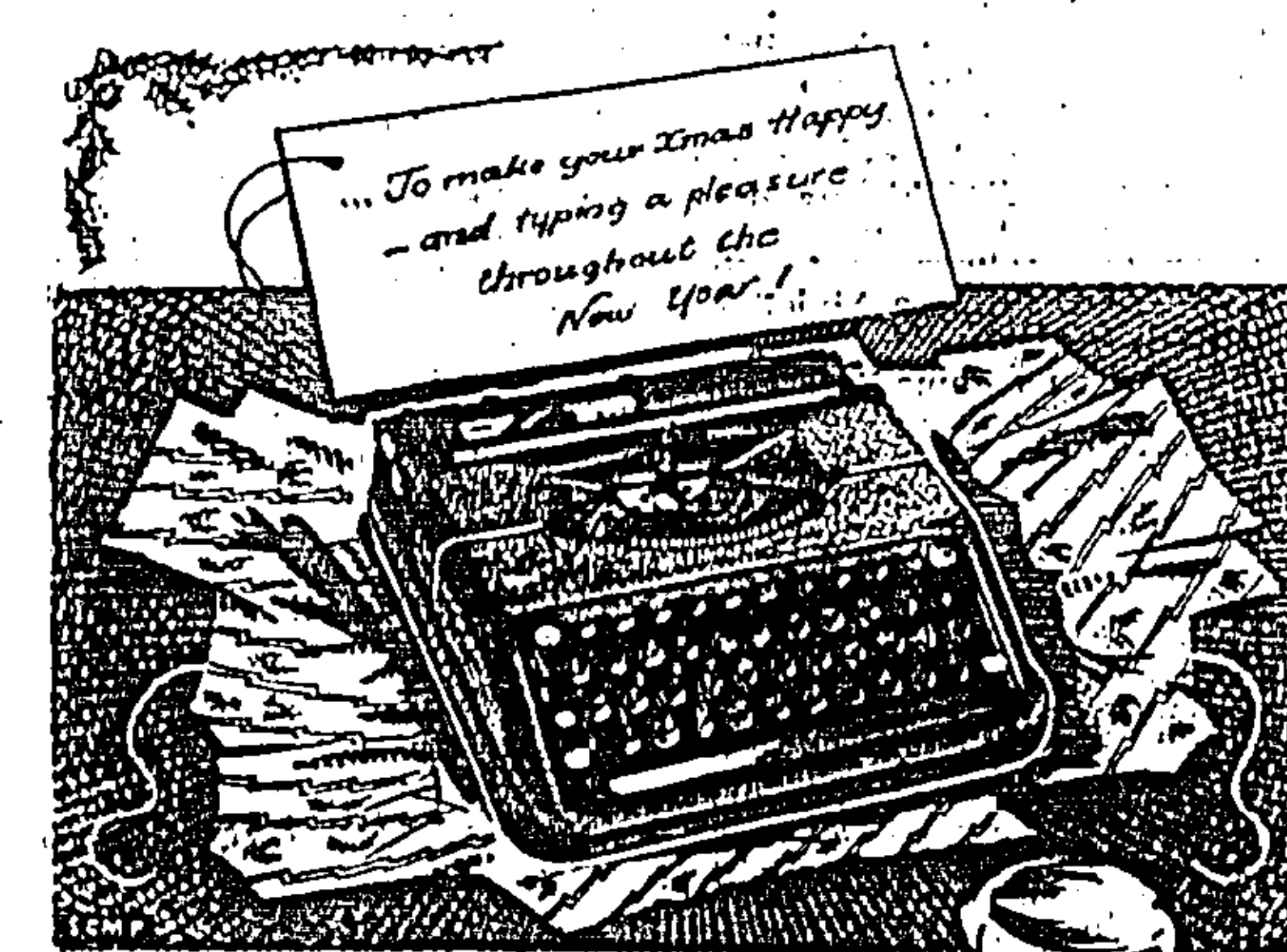
Tokyo, Dec. 17.

A flight of four American jet fighters engaged four Russian-built MIG-15 jets across the northwest Korean border on Sunday and in the burst of fire one MIG was shot down in flames over Shinulju. It was confirmed that the kill was credited to Lieut. Colonel Bruce Hinton.—United Press.

Cable And Wireless Strike Off

London, Dec. 17.

A threatened go slow strike by Cable and Wireless operators for tomorrow has been called off.—Reuter.



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Plea By Lover ASKS COURT FOR CLEMENCY

London, Dec. 17. Group Captain Claude Henry Turner, one of three Britons charged in Warsaw with attempting to smuggle a Polish girl, Miss Barbara Bobrowska, out of the country, has asked the court to "accept his confession" and release him. Warsaw Radio reported tonight that the trial has been going on for the past week. Group Captain Turner, a former Air Attache at the British Embassy in Warsaw, pleaded guilty. He told the Warsaw court last Tuesday, according to a press despatch received in London, that he hoped the girl had discussed the possibility of his divorcing his wife. The Radio said that Group Captain Turner had begged the court to take this step "so that I can support my wife and child and my mother". Warsaw Radio had earlier reported that he had admitted at his trial that before going to Poland he received detailed instructions on spy work. He was tonight reported to have told the court, "I have clearly seen my own country being led to war by a small group whom it was my duty to help by my intelligence activities during my presence in Poland". This group was leading the British into the arms of the United States who were driving against the people's will. Turner was reported to have said, "I would now make every effort to atone for past errors and to work in the future for peace," he was said to have added. —Reuter.

Britain Dissatisfied Over Unequal Atomic Energy Partnership

London, Dec. 17. Great Britain smarted today under the loss of the wartime equal partnership she had with the United States on the atom bomb—including the veto over its use. This development has been toned down for a couple of days and Prime Minister Attlee, since returning from Washington, has made efforts to avoid disclosing the loss. But it is there, and it irritates British officials who know all the details, as well as some of the British public.

Britain's unequal partnership in atomic energy, and the many and deep Anglo-American differences over China, make another early meeting between Mr Attlee and President Truman almost certain. The Chinese issue is probably the most dangerous at the moment because it carries with it the threat of an Anglo-American split.

The Foreign Affairs debate in Parliament disclosed that at almost every step the United States and Britain have disagreed over Chinese policy and continue to disagree. Britain holds fast to her belief that it was right and is still right to recognize Communist China. The United States thinks recognition of the Peking regime is wrong. Britain wants the United Nations to link Formosa with Korea; the U.S. still thinks it was right.

Britain wanted to halt Korean action south of the Manchurian border and create a no-man's-land; the U.S. Chiefs of Staff rejected that proposal. Britain wants the U.S. to promise that in any negotiations on the future of Formosa, the Chinese Communists will have a voice; the U.S. is cool to that idea. Britain would be willing to go much further in making negotiations attractive to the Chinese, but the U.S. insists on a ceasefire before talking.

ATTLEE'S AGREEMENT

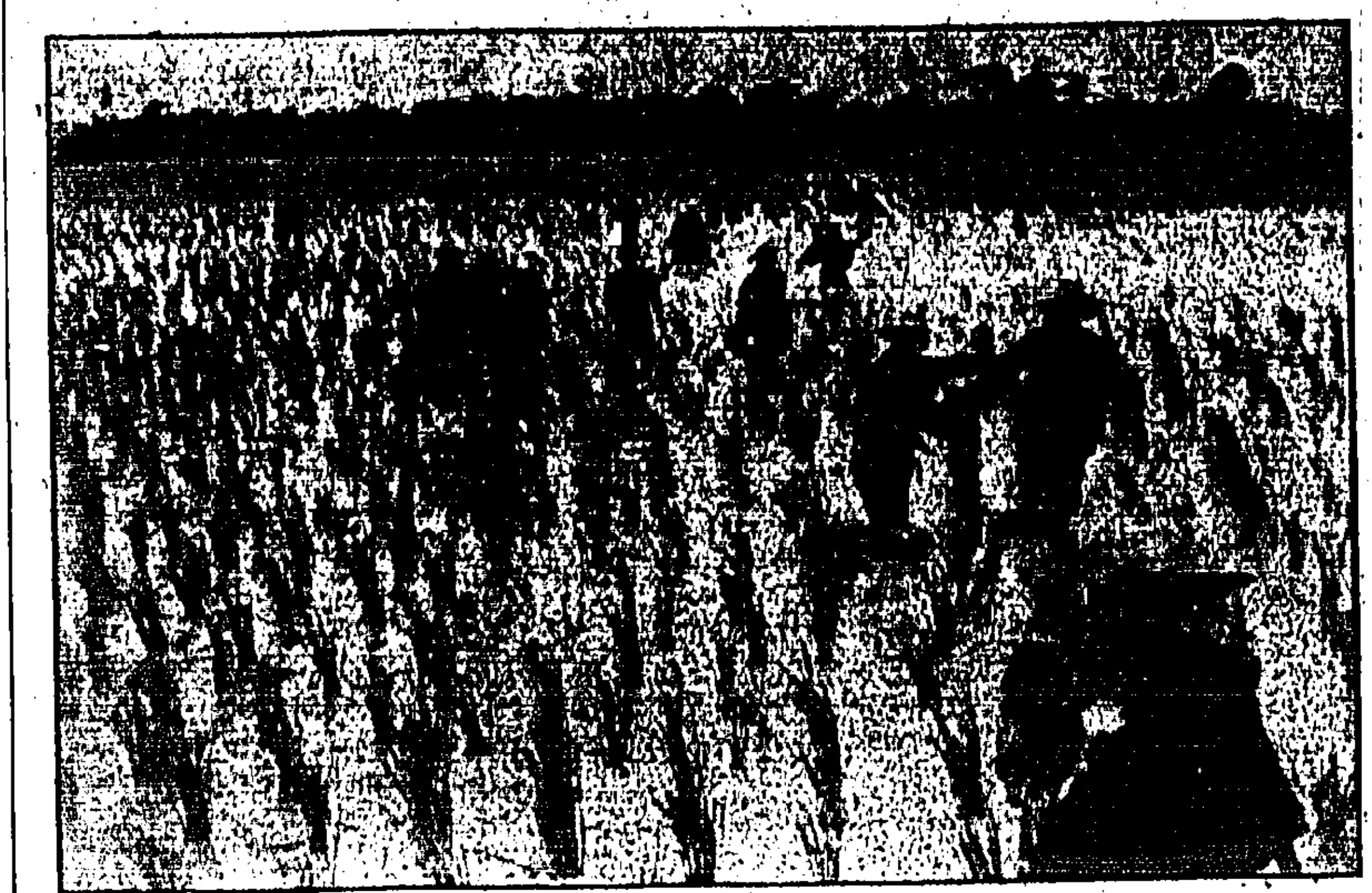
Mr Attlee came back from Washington with some kind of gentleman's agreement with Mr Truman regarding its use. But the understanding was so secret that he could not even tell it to the House of Commons.

During the war, it was understood, Mr Truman and Winston Churchill had a full partnership agreement on atomic energy. This included a veto for both Britain and Canada over the use of the bomb once it was developed, since the bomb could not have been made when it was without British and Canadian help.

But that was before the post-war McMahon Act in the United States, which makes the President of the U.S. the sole custodian of atomic weapons.

IMPETUOUS TRUMAN

The loss of that full partnership—and especially the British veto over the use of the bomb—is what worries the British almost as much as anything. They have come to consider Mr Truman an impetuous sort of



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Individual Republicans are expected to continue, in speeches and resolutions, to snipe at Mr Acheson, but Party leadership indicated it had no plans to carry the attacks any further at present.

NO PARTY ACTION

Supporting evidence for this came from Senator Robert Taft, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee in the Senate. Senator Taft said individual Republicans were likely to protest further about Mr Acheson, but that the Party as such in Congress would probably take no further action.

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MACARTHUR ANGLE

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Indian Hint To China

New York, Dec. 17. Communist China would find India a tough proposition if forces from the north tried to invade India, Bardar J. Singh, President of the India League of America, said here today.

Speaking at the League's annual meeting he added, "The people of India got rid of one foreign ruler only four years ago. They certainly will not want another foreign ruler."

"And Chinese and Russians are as much foreigners to the people of India as the British, Americans or other Western nations."

"I believe that the Western democracies or the non-Communist countries no longer cover an inch of the land of others." —Reuter.



Heavy Snow Fall Covers Europe

London, Dec. 17. Most of North-Western Europe lay under a fresh blanket of snow tonight.

Intense wintry conditions which struck Britain and parts of the Continent last Thursday night continued today with fresh snow storms and freezing temperatures.

Snow fell in most parts of France today, including Paris. It was several feet high in the Pas de Calais Department.

In Holland, after an overnight thaw, snow covered most of the country again this afternoon with temperatures around freezing point. Weather experts predicted a severe winter.

Most of Southern and Western Germany had snow last night. Roads were crowded with people going out for winter sports and scores of cars were stalled on ice-covered surfaces.

Shivering Britons learned today that the icy weather—which has already been considered to be the worst winter in four years—was easing. But Londoners again watched clouds of snow billowing outside their windows.

Exports estimate that from midnight until daybreak about 10,000,000 tons of snow dropped on London.

On the Channel coast three men were missing in a small boat. They were believed to be members of the crew of a British cargo ship sheltering in Falmouth Bay who took one of the ship's boats last night to try to get ashore. —Reuter.

Wants Reply From Stalin

Karachi, Dec. 17. Mr Harold Stassen said today that if Marshal Stalin wanted world peace he would reply to a letter addressed to him eight weeks ago.

Mr Stassen was answering a question at a press conference in Karachi, which he is visiting at present on his study tour of Asia.

He said he had not yet received a reply from Stalin, but, "I believe if Marshal Stalin desires to move towards world peace, I will have an answer."

He said he still might receive an answer. "As the Kremlin moves slowly in these matters," he said, "he was learning many things on his tour 'which will help me in developing Republican policy and American policy for the future.'"

He acknowledged the need of attention to Asia's problems of technical service and economic assistance. —United Press.

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MOUNT ETNA FIREWORKS CONTINUING

Catania, Dec. 17. Three thousand peasants, evacuated from villages on the slopes of Mount Etna, tonight began to lose hope of returning home for Christmas as the volcano exploded in a new violence after nearly a week of relative calm.

Thousands of tons of lava were running down the eastern side of the mountain on the bed formed by the hardened lava, flung out earlier by the volcano in its 22-day eruption.

One tongue threatened tonight to cut the road linking the two villages of Milo and Rinazzo, which were evacuated two weeks ago. But the local authorities said that there was for the moment no danger to the two hamlets.

The volcano, the biggest in Europe, hurled vast masses of lava down its slopes during the first two weeks of its eruption, threatening the two villages.

After engulfing 15 outlying cottages the eruption changed in nature, continuing to fling flaming ashes and steam into the air but producing little lava.

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CAPTAIN KELLY TAKES OFF ON THE COCONUT RUN

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Journey's end: the West African coast. Here Capt. Kelly will relax, spend most of his time sun-bathing until time for the return flight.

THE day began for Captain John Arnold ("Jack") Kelly, at 7.30 in the morning, when he left his home in the New Forest near Ringwood.

The day ended, with a meal of bacon, eggs and coffee, then bed at midnight at del Mahari Hotel, Tripoli. For Captain Kelly, skipper of BOAC's flight BA/251/655, a long day but a routine one, a "lodging turn" with a vengeance.

After saying good-bye to his wife, Betty (ex-Waaf), and his children—Christopher James (5½); Jennifer Mary (4) and Jill Susanne (nearly 3) — and assuring them that yes he would bring back some coconuts from his ultimate destination on the Gold Coast, Kelly took off for London in his 17-year-old car, allowing 2½ hours for the journey.

In London, Kelly made first for Brentford, where, on the seventh floor of an airways building, he put in an hour on the Link trainer, going through the drill of "simulated let-

downs" and the rest. For although Captain Kelly has 5000 hours' flying and nearly 1000,000 miles to his name (he came into civil aviation in 1944 after winning the DFC as a Pathfinder) he is still expected to have regular Link sessions.

Next, to the airport, where he was due to report three hours before take-off time.

In between the chores he had to do there—the briefing, flight-planning, weather studying—it was possible to talk to him.

He is a tall (6ft. 3½ in.), genial, fair-haired 31-year-old Hampshire man, a non-smoker, not a great drinker. If drinking had been one of his hobbies (as caravanning, photography are) he would have had to cut it out from the day before his flight.

Kelly thinks that most aircrew wives wish their husbands had jobs that kept them nearer home—for one thing catering is most difficult, and important dates like children's birthdays have usually to be celebrated on taken days. On the other hand, Kelly thinks the constant goings and comings in aircrew homes keep marriages fresh and make for thoroughly happy ones.

Kelly was to "slip" the service in Tripoli, spend one day there, and take on the next to



Capt. Kelly with his crew. They board the aircraft 15 minutes before passengers are due. The Hermes carries two stewards, one stewardess. They serve a five-course meal on flight. Before the take-off they must check 2000 catering items.

Kano, Lagos and Accra. There he would have a couple of days which he would spend mostly on the beach, and he was due to be back at Ringwood after eight nights away and 8,000 miles of flying.

There would be one more trip—to Accra again, or Nalobi or Johannesburg, before Christmas. He might be back in time, he might not.



In the Briefing Room, Mr F. G. Duff, from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, gives Kelly latest information on flight conditions.



Capt. Kelly will be at the controls for the first "leg" of the journey. Poor weather is reported ahead, but should clear over Central France. On average, Kelly gets about six days at home between trips.

A British Crossword Puzzle

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 7. Appendage.
 9. Slip.
 10. Fascination.
 11. Dissolute persons.
 13. Recalls.
 15. Sinister.
 16. Sordid.
 19. Occupation.
 22. Narrow opening.
 24. Keen.
 25. Soothe.
 26. Column.
 27. Substitute.
- DOWN
2. Jelly.
 3. Residue.
 4. Ordain.
 5. Alarm.
 6. Flaccid.
 8. Originate.
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 14. Pouch.
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Father Christmas Next Door

Folk in Madison Avenue, Cheshire, believe in Father Christmas. They ought to know, for they live quite close to him. He is Stanley Christmas, 58-year-old lecturer, and he and his family are very friendly with the neighbours.

The barrack-room buddy of their son, John, however, once found friendship with Christmas somewhat embarrassing. One day an officer saw John's friend standing about when a lecture was due to take place.

"You will be late if you don't hurry," remarked the officer. "What are you standing about for?" The soldier truthfully replied: "Waiting for Christmas."

He was promptly put on a charge for insolence by his furious superior, and it was not until the unfortunate soldier produced John Christmas that he was able successfully to prove his innocence.

When John's parents were first married they went to live next door to a three-year-old boy who was thrilled to bits having Father Christmas right next door. Despite the unseasonal period of the year he had a note sent down Christmas's chimney. Mr. Christmas played ball, answered the letter and sent a present.

Disillusionment came soon after, for the lad was introduced to Father Christmas—no red clothes, no white beard. But Stanley Christmas has remembered the boy every Christmas since.

Santa In A Hover Plane

Santa Claus will arrive in Ashford, Kent, in a hoverplane, which will land on North Modern School playing field.

On a giant sleigh he will tour the town collecting toys from children at street corners before visiting the huge tree in Ashford's main street.

Thousands of fairy lights on the tree will be switched on, and a choir of more than 1,500 will sing carols.

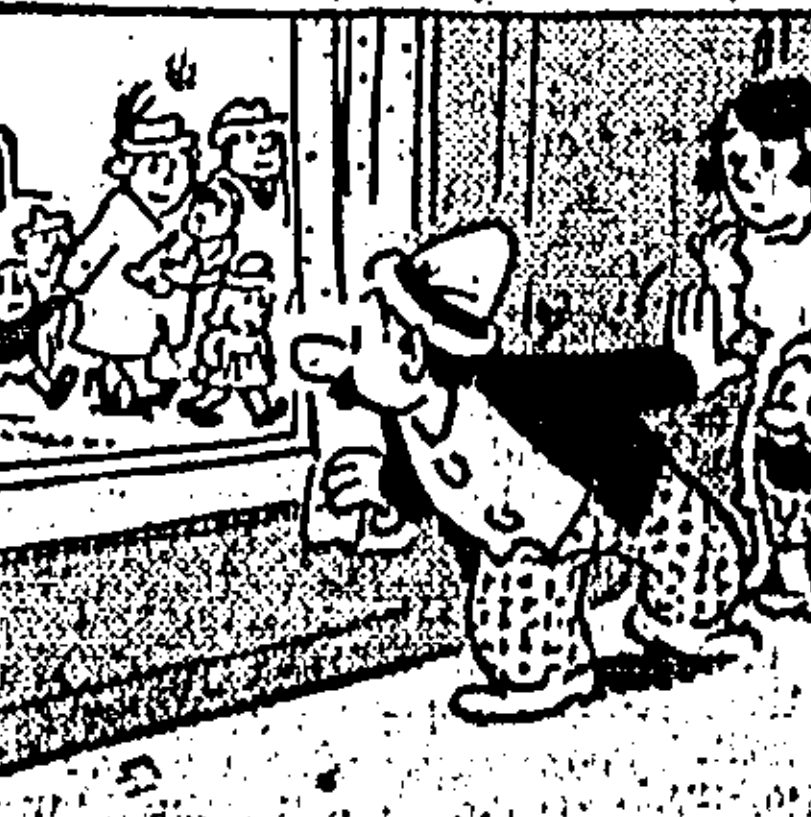
Aim of Ashford Children's Day Committee is to give the reconducted toys to needy children.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's nice to have a maid—now I can go shopping, see a picture or run in and tell the doctor my symptoms any afternoon!"

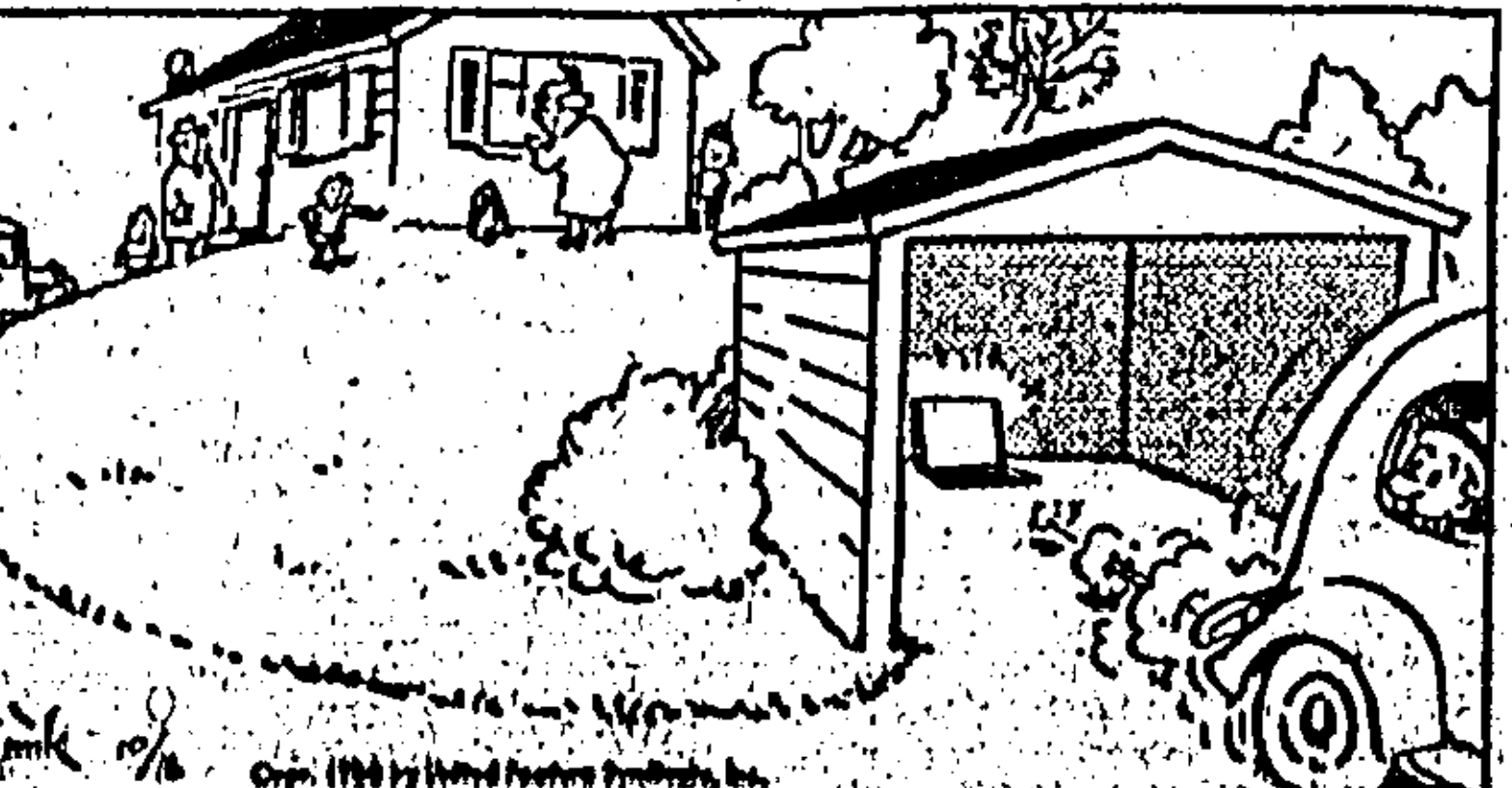
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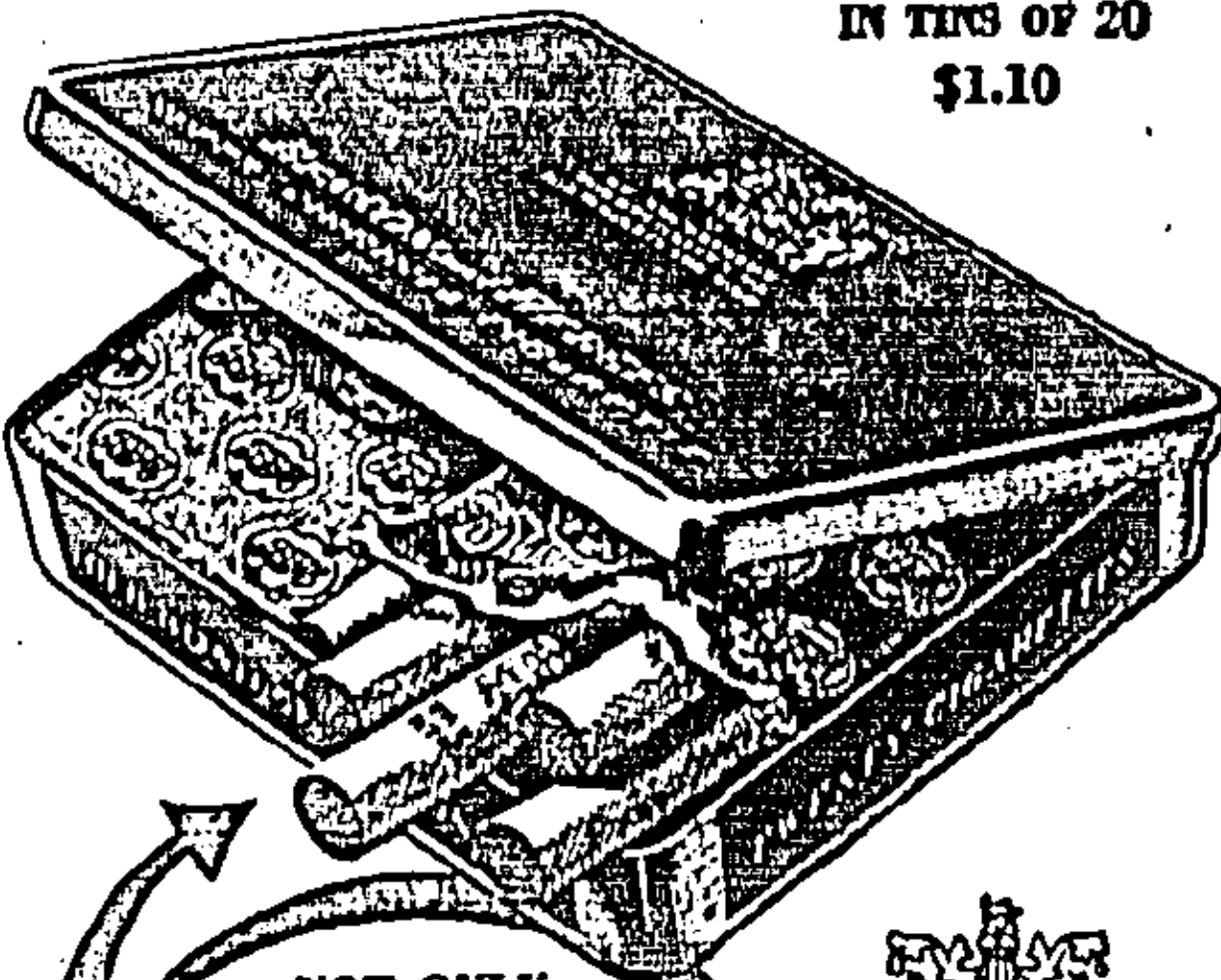
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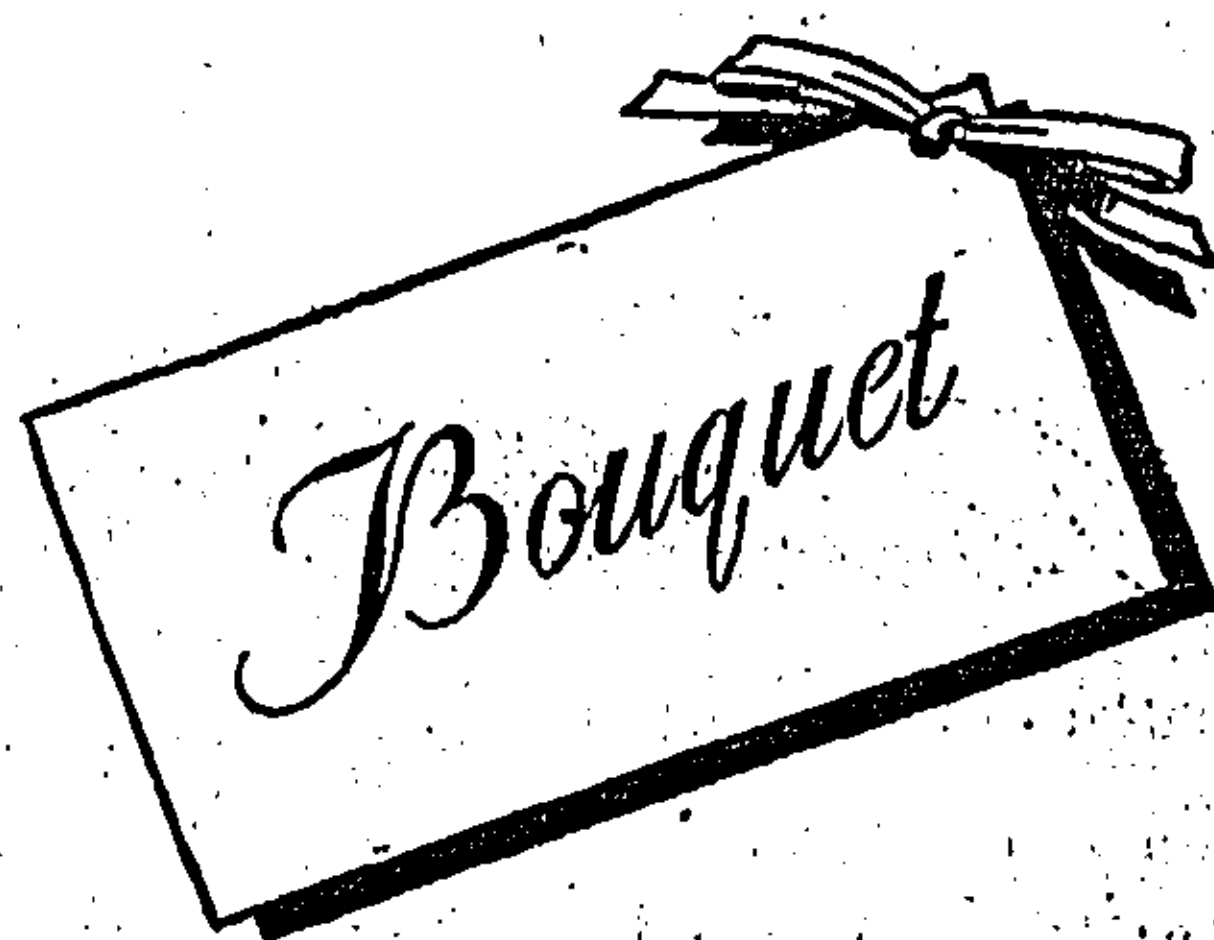
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by
JOHN GORDON

IT is little use lamenting the mistakes that have brought grave crisis upon us in Korea. The urgent business is to shape the future by learning from them.

Nor is it wise to let the crisis inflame the war temperature. At all moments of such gravity as this the inclination is to regard war as inevitable and the preservation of peace as an airy dream.

But war is never inevitable. It is made by the mistakes of men. It can be avoided by the wisdom of men.

Therefore it should be the fixed and unalterable policy of Britain to make peace instead of threatening war.

Such a policy does not mean any lessening of the military and political ties that bind us so closely to the United States.

PARTNERS

For it is upon those ties that the preservation of the freedoms of men and the future of civilisation depend. Nothing must impair them. Never must they be broken.

But alliance means partnership. And partnership involves that policy is shaped and settled by joint discussion, and action similarly agreed upon before it is taken.

It may be that we cannot make the same contribution to the partnership in industrial strength and manpower as the United States. But we can make a great contribution in poli-

tical wisdom, for we are an old, wise, and experienced people in international relationships.

We should apply that wisdom now to the preservation of peace. Peace is the prayer of all mankind, including the common people of Russia and the peasant millions of China. No price is too high to pay for peace—except only slavery.

How can we apply our wisdom to the shaping of peace? First we should reverse the decision that sent our troops too far across the 38th Parallel.

It was obvious at the time that movement was made that we should be cautious lest by coming too close to China's frontier we excited her into violent reaction.

Time has swiftly proved the unwisdom of that move. We should now press strongly for the establishment of a line on which we might soothe China's fears.

ATOM TALK

We should press also with all force and ardour for the cessation of loose and threatening talk about the atom bomb.

It is profound comfort to us to have it among our weapons. But it is not a weapon to be used without deep thought—if indeed at all.

The decision whether to use it or not obviously cannot be left to any one individual or nation. It must be the freely and solemnly agreed decision of the partnership.

It was wise and good that Mr. Attlee went to Washington. No doubt he would have made these points clear. And in doing so he has the united support of his countrymen.

But both points, vital as they are at this moment, are war policies. What we need is a positive preservation of peace policy.

Here surely is the opportunity for Britain to grasp the leadership of the rocking world.

Our opportunity lies in the obvious fact that the animosities of Russia and China are directed more upon the United States than upon us.

We already have a closer link with Peking than the U.S. has. It is also evident that India is a link of vital value with the Chinese delegation at Lake Success.

We must keep these links from snapping and forge others as rapidly as we can.

There has been too much dither and delay over the opening of talks between the leaders of Russia and the leaders of the Western Powers.

IN EUROPE

Some day such talks must be initiated. The peace of the world depends upon them. They will prove difficult, they may even prove futile—at first. But they are urgently necessary.

Only in talks can we build a bridge. In sullen, angry isolation we never can. So let it be British policy to press for such talks with urgency.

The decision of world war or world peace will not be made in Korea. For it does not rest with the Supreme Lord of China, but with Russia.

It is in Europe that the major issue will be settled eventually. And so far, fortunately, Russia, nervous and fearful of us as she is, shows no positive sign of putting her fate to the final test.

What more therefore can we do to avert the criminal folly of war? First build with all speed

the strength that will lift from us the fear of being caught unprepared to meet attack.

If there is one ray of comfort in the Korea crisis it is that it will drive us to greater strength with more speed than we had planned.

Now if we in Britain set ourselves to do it, we can raise our strength to the highest degree of all nations of the world.

How? By the creation of an armed and unified British Empire, one quarter of the world in size, and so spread across the globe that it could be the most powerful deterrent to any aggressor and the greatest single force for peace in all the world.

Why not pledge ourselves to that task?

SPREAD IT

Given the security that comes from strength, what is the next stage in a positive policy for peace? The spread of truth, knowledge, tolerance, and plenty.

By the spread of truth we can explode the fallacies of the Communist peace campaign aimed only at weakening the capacities of free men to defend their freedom.

By the spread of knowledge across every iron-curtained frontier with all the devices of propaganda open to us, we could in a generation or much less destroy ignorance, suspicion, and fear of us.

By preaching and actively practising tolerance, we could bring all iron-curtained peoples and their fear-ridden leaders to understand that we believe there is room in the world for two widely differing ways of life to carry on side by side.

And by raising the standards of life of all peoples of all creeds and colours, we would, in bringing plenty, do more to establish that contentment by which alone Communism can be checked and defeated, than by all the wars we could ever fight.

In war we make the most tremendous efforts to achieve victory. Is it not wise to make an equally tremendous effort for peace?

For what glory can war offer that matches the glory of peace?

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PARIS

A Column of Capital News... by R. M. MacCOLL

PILGRIMAGE TO A BEDROOM

A LITTLE group of men and women peered respectfully into a first-floor bedroom at the modest Hotel d'Alsace, on Paris's Left Bank. In that room, at 1.15 p.m. on November 30, 1900, the darting brain of Oscar Wilde slid away into the mists of death.

We were shown his candlestick, now used to illumine the visitors' book, a great black marble clock, topped by a golden lion, which stood in his room.

We were reminded—the group included such famous Frenchmen as actor Sacha Guitry and writer Andre Maurois—of Wilde's final wince. Rousing himself from torpor he spotted two doctors at his bedside. "Ah," he murmured, "I am dying as I lived, above my means."

Earlier he had written to his steadfast friend Robert Ross that he was doing his best to economise, "for this hotel has not even got drains."

Nowadays there is running water in the bedrooms, as well as the attractive black marble hallway and high rotunda that Wilde knew.

Outside, in the courtyard in which his window gives, there

is still the garden seat where he sat reading, and above it, the ash tree leaning to one side. Wilde described it as "the tree that is searching for expression."

One of the visitors for this anniversary commemoration was Mrs. Marjorie Ross, widow of a nephew of Robert Ross. Ross, who died in 1918, expressed a desire in his will for his ashes to be placed in Wilde's tomb.

So Mrs. Ross, a twinkling-eyed, grey-haired woman, brought them with her from England and made a lonely pilgrimage to Pere Lachaise Cemetery.

At first, the key to the tomb, which the Ross family has held for decades, refused to turn in the lock. A cemetery attendant picked up an empty iron flower vase from a neighbouring grave and gave the key a whack. The tomb opened and the ashes were placed inside.

Then, with Gallic gallantry, the cemetery authorities waived the £7 fee which is normally asked for opening a tomb.

PARIS—Homes

IN some ways I have often envied the British diplomats "perks." That duty-free liquor—for example—very useful for entertaining.

But it seems that the path of the 1930 diplomat is not entirely snag-free. The British Em-

bassy men in Paris are given to understand that they must not look for a home in the suburbs. They must find a flat inside the city limits, where rents are ruinous.

Reason is twofold. First, that if you live in the suburbs, it may well prove embarrassing to French guests who do not possess a car if you invite them to dinner. Second, if you live too far out, you are apt to lose your enthusiasm for embassy evening "do's" which you are supposed to attend.

In a house-furnished world Paris must be one of the worst spots of all. Because of complicated rent laws there has been little new building here since the first war. Key money and premium rack-rent reach stratospheric levels.

Latest example was when a friend of mine was asked to give £450 as a "special payment" for a modest flat in a not-too-attractive neighbourhood. The landlord, when asked what he expected to suffer severe headaches as a result of giving up the flat.

PARIS—Greenhorn

I AWARD this week's prize for the lease-expert remark to a man who, knowing nothing of boxing, decided to attend the

dramatic fight between Sugar Ray Robinson and the luckless Jean Stock. The fight had just been stopped in the second round as the towel came in. Stock lay writhing on the canvas, the referee was raising Sugar's arm. Twenty people had invaded the ring to congratulate or commiserate. The crowd was in uproar.

My friend leaned across to me and said, solemnly: "I don't see how Stock can avoid a knock-out in the next round."

PARIS—Favourite

DOWN in the brandy country they smile broadly at the mention of Britain. Sorrowful frowns and shrugs greet a reference to Russia.

This has no political significance. It merely represents a business trend. Britain, according to statistics just released, easily heads the nations of the world in brandy-buying. Last year she took 404,008 gallons.

What of Russia? Just one and a half gallons for the entire 1949-50 season.

Said a spokesman for the cognac trade, his lip curling: "It seems our Muscovite friends still prefer their vodka."

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WHAT'S GOING ON

by EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

LONDON. WHEN the President of France and Madame Auriol took King Frederick and Queen Ingrid of Denmark to the Paris Opera on-lookers noticed that the King had an electric torch sticking out of his pocket, the President a handsome ivory elephant hanging at his hip.

King Frederick, who sometimes conducts the Copenhagen Symphony Orchestra, used the torch to illuminate the full operatic score, which he balanced on his knee. The elephant was part of the insignia of the Order of the Elephant, Denmark's highest honour, presented to M. Auriol when the King arrived in France.

The blue silk sash, the diamond badge and ivory model arm said to be worth £2,000. Said M. Auriol: "It is the most beautiful decoration I have ever known."

'My dear Winston'

ON Mr. Winston Churchill's 74th birthday was published, in his war memoirs, a letter written to him by The King on February 22, 1943.

It is unusual for a letter signed by the King to be made public. Permission is given only "in very exceptional circumstances."

Mr. Churchill has been granted the honour of publishing four such letters. The last shows, in the warmest and most intimate way, how the dark days of the war drew monarch and statesman together.

The first two, written on May 18, 1937, and April 12, 1940, were addressed to "My dear Mr. Churchill"; the third, dated January 2, 1941, to "My dear Prime Minister."

But the letter published the other day began "My dear Winston."

Heavenly host

WHEN Captain Paul Remo (Turco) Westerling was running his private war against the Indonesians, I described him as a man who shoots first, answers questions rarely.

Now Westerling, financed by a rich industrialist, is opening a night club in the luxury area of Brussels, one of the most expensive places in Europe to take a meal, as I know to my cost.

There is a French expression for meals at fancy prices. It is "manger au point de fusil"—or "eating at the point of a gun."

It sounds right up Captain Westerling's street.

Mr Butterwick

SIXTY-YEAR-OLD Mr. Cyril Butterwick began teaching at Eton in 1914. By the time he left, in 1945, he was widely known as an outstanding schoolmaster. Above all, he will be remembered wherever cricket is played for many a year later to excel at Lord's has been strengthened by Mr. Butterwick's instruction.

Early in life he became interested in old silver, china, and books.

And so it was no new love he embraced when he went from the classrooms of Eton to the salesrooms at Sotheby's,

where he is now a partner and auctioneer.

Three times a fortnight on the rostrum he faces the most experienced dealers and buyers.

An alarming experience? "To begin with, most alarming," Mr. Butterwick told me, "but I think I was less nervous than many beginners. After all, I had spent a good deal of my life behind a desk dealing with fractious school-boys."

Impressionist

LADY DAVSON, 27-year-old barrister, artist, mother, and housewife, preparing for her second one-woman art exhibition, has no look of the traditional career girl.

And yet—She was called to the Bar last January.

She has worked for a monthly economic paper.

She has written a pamphlet on industry, foreworded by Mr. Harold Wilson.

She does her own housework and cooking.

She has a three-year-old daughter, and another child on the way.

Of the 58 pictures prepared for her new show, 34 were painted this year.

Housewives may sympathise with her impressionist scenes of domestic wishful thinking.

A new hat rising from the flames of a burned dinner, a kitchen table where the bread has turned to sable muff, the rice to pearls.

Pieck's peak

THE PRESIDENT of the East German Republic, Herr Wilhelm Pieck, has been a faithful servant of his Kremlin masters.

As reward, a mountain in the Central Asian Pamir range has been named after him.

The redesignated peak is, appropriately, "Kara Sheitan," which means "Black Satan."

Goat racing

I HAVE received a Christmas card from Government House, Trinidad, Embossed with a crown. It is evidently the official Government card, and I predict that it will arouse much interest. For it shows a photograph of "the start of a goat race."

I rang the Colonial Office to find out more of this strange sport. They referred me to a West Indian, Mr. Mills, who said he had never heard of it, but suggested I should speak to a woman who lives in Trinidad. She had never heard of it, either.

I have failed to find anyone who has heard of goat racing, much less seen it.

I suggested in this column that Sir Hubert Bance, the new Governor, would bring fresh ideas to Trinidad.

Can goat racing be one of them?

The tenant

I CANNOT escape from the subject of Nottingham Cottage, the "grace and favour" house at Kensington Palace.

Recently I reported that "Crawley," former governess of the Princesses, was vacating it. Then that Mrs. Edward Ford, the King's Assistant Private Secretary, would move in with his wife and family.

Not so. The next tenant will be Brigadier Ivan de la Bere, secretary to the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.

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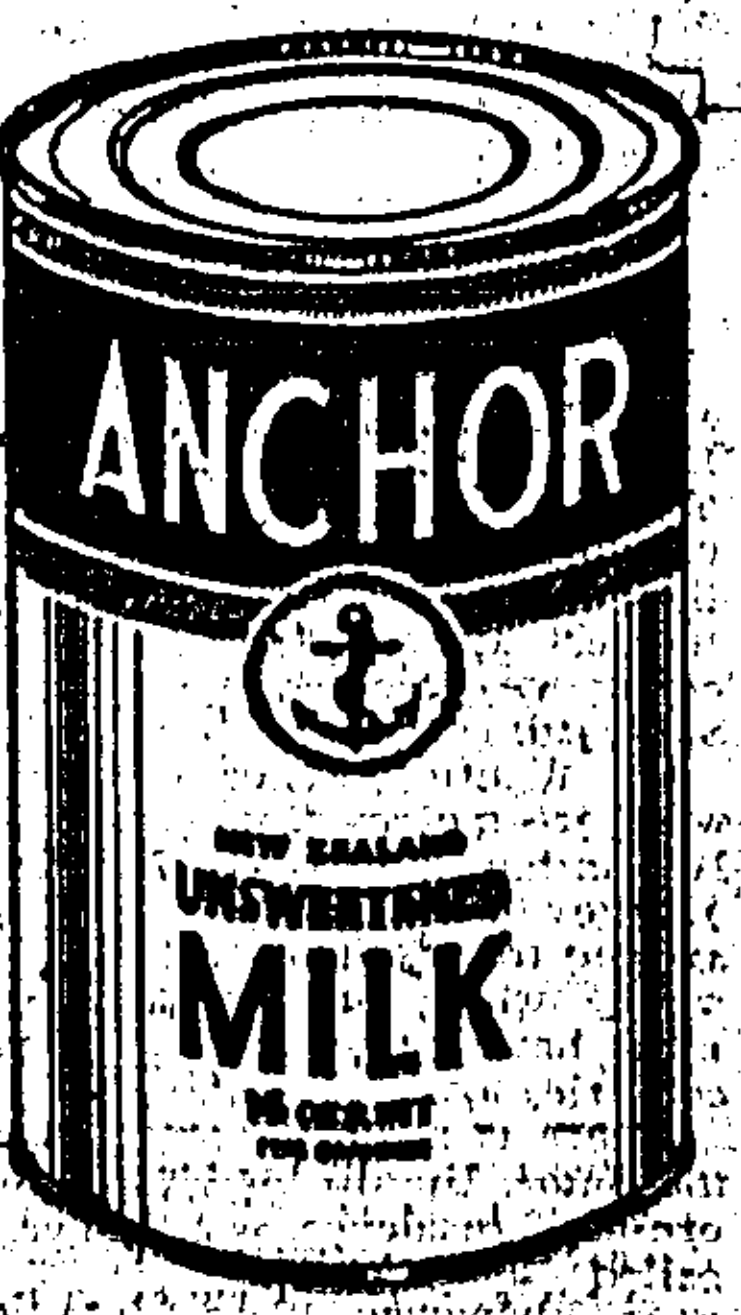
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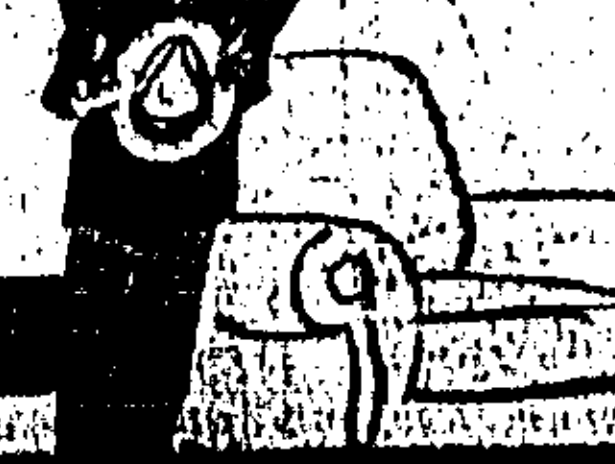
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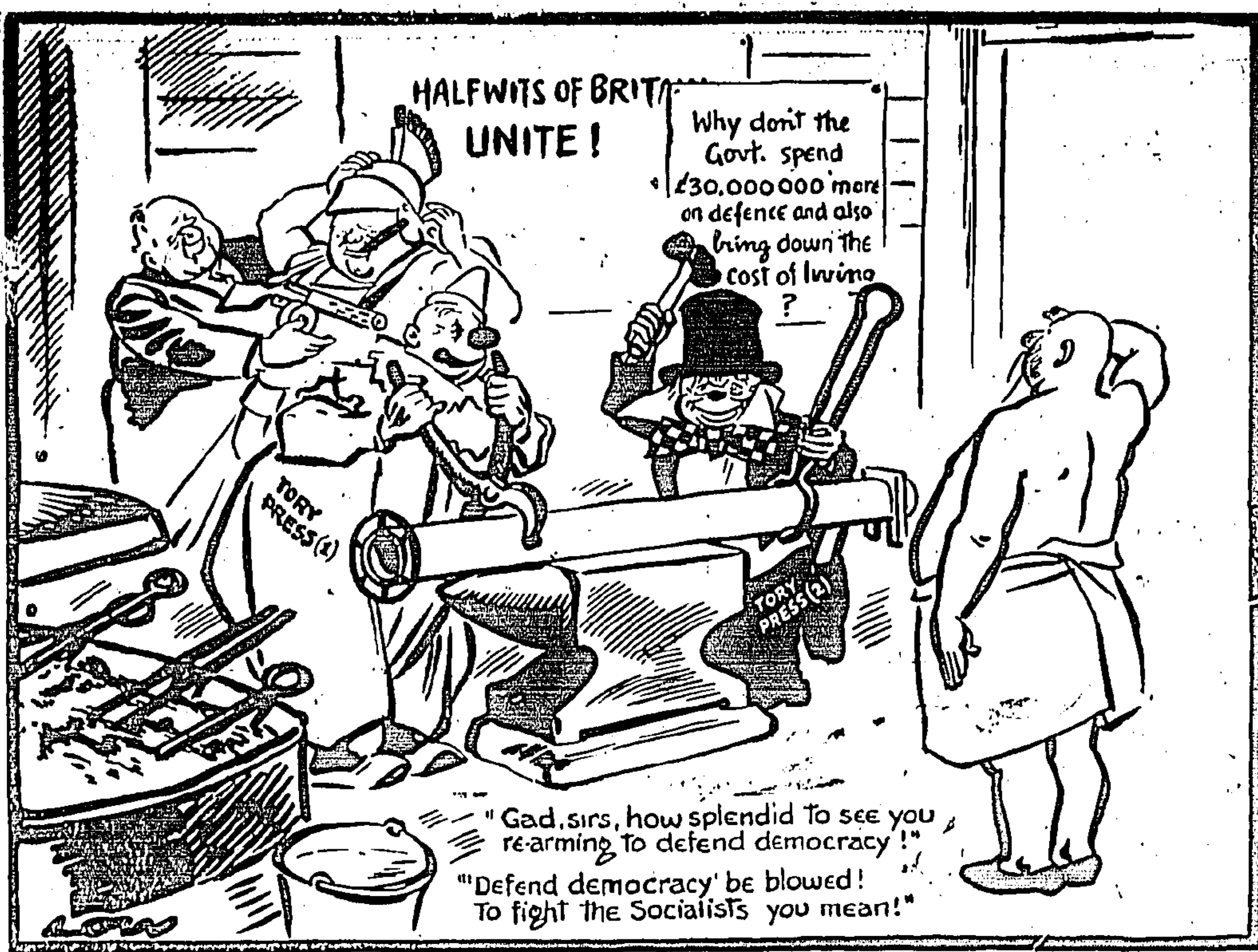
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WORKING OVERTIME

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Concluding "The Hinge of Fate," Mr Churchill's fourth book of memoirs of the Second World War

SENSE OF VICTORY FILLS THE AIR

At the third Washington Conference ("Trident") no decision was taken whether Sardinia or mainland Italy should be the next goal after Sicily.

Mr Churchill persuaded Gen. Marshall (with the President's approval) to attend a further conference of Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters in Algeria. They crossed the Atlantic in the same flying-boat.

THE large double bed in the bridal suite of the Boeing was most comfortable, and I slept sound for a good many hours. All at once there was a sudden shock and bump. I awoke, put on my zip suit and went forward down the long central gallery of our spacious machine, and climbed the staircase to the navigating controls. I sat in the copilot's seat. It was by now a lovely moonlight night.

After a while I asked the pilot what caused the bump. "We were struck by lightning," he said, "but there's nothing wrong." This was good news. We had not caught fire or broken up in the air, there was no need to make a forced landing a thousand miles from anywhere. I had always wondered why aircraft did not mind being struck by lightning. To a groundswoman it would seem quite a dangerous thing. Afterwards I learned that there had been a good deal of anxiety.

I returned to my bed, and did not wake until just before dawn. When you are flying at 160 miles an hour, while the earth is turning over the other way towards you, you meet the sun very early and he rises quickly. I adhered to my rule in these long flights that meals should be regulated by stomach-time. When one wakes up after daylight one should breakfast, six hours after lunch, and six hours after dinner. Thus one becomes independent of the sun, which otherwise meddles too much in one's affairs and upsets the routine of work.

No escort

As we approached Gibraltar we looked around for our escort. There was no escort. Everyone's attention was attracted by an unknown aircraft, which we thought at first was taking an interest in us. As it came no closer we concluded it was a Spaniard.

On alighting, at about 5 p.m., we were met by the Governor. It was too late to continue our journey to Algiers that night, and he conveyed us to the Convent, where he resides, the films having been removed two centuries ago.

There is a story attached to the name. Up till 1603 the Governor's residence was always called the Convent. In that year, however, King Edward VI's Private Secretary, Sir Henry Ponsoby, wrote to the Governor and told him that the King thought it advisable to

White's Governorship a paragraph had appeared in the English newspapers to the effect that the King had had luncheon at the Convent.

Ten days afterwards His Majesty received a resolution passed by a Protestant association deploring the fact that the King should have thought it necessary not only to visit but even to have luncheon at a Roman Catholic institution. However, when King George VI visited North Africa in June, 1943, he expressed the wish that the Governor's residence should be renamed the Convent, so the Convent it still is.

Round The Rock

We did not leave Gibraltar for Algiers until the afternoon. There was therefore an opportunity to show Gen. Marshall the Rock, and we all made a few hours' pilgrimage, and inspected the new distillery which assures the fortress a permanent supply of fresh water, and various important guns, some hospitals, and a large number of troops. I finally went below to see the Governor's special pet, the new Rock gallery, cut deep in the rock, with its battery of eight quick-firing guns commanding the isthmus and the neutral ground between Britain and Spain.

An immense amount of work had been put into this, and it certainly seemed, as we walked along it, that whatever perils Gibraltar might have to face, attack from the mainland was no longer one of them. The Governor's pride in his achievement was shared by his British visitors. It was not until we said good-bye upon the Catalina that Gen. Marshall somewhat hesitatingly observed, "I admired your gallery, but we had one like it at Corregidor. The Japanese fired their artillery at the rock several hundred feet above it, and in two or three days blocked it off with an immense bank of rubble."

We flew off in the early afternoon with a dozen Beaufighters circling far above us, and in the evening light reached the Algiers airfield where Gen. Eisenhower and Bedell Smith, Admiral Andrew Cunningham, Gen. Alexander and other friends were waiting for us. I motored straight to Admiral Cunningham's villa, next door to Gen. Eisenhower, which he placed at my disposal.

Inclined to action

I was determined to obtain before leaving Africa the decision to invade Italy should Sicily be taken. Gen. Brooke and I imparted our views to Gen. Alexander, Admiral Andrew Cunningham, and Air Marshal Tedder, and later to Gen. Montgomery. All these leading figures in the recent battles were inclined to action on the greatest scale, and saw in the conquest of Italy the natural fruition of our whole

Gen. Eisenhower was very reserved. He listened to all our arguments, and I am sure agreed with their purpose. But Marshall remained up till almost the last moment silent on the subject.

The circumstances of our meeting were favourable to the British. We had three times as many troops, four times as many warships, and almost as many aeroplanes available for actual operations as the Americans. We had since Alamein, not to speak of the earlier years, lost in the Mediterranean eight times as many men and three times as much tonnage as our Allies. But what ensured for these potent facts the fairest and most attentive consideration with the American leaders was that notwithstanding our immense superiority of strength we had continued to accept Gen. Eisenhower's Supreme Command and to preserve for the whole campaign the character of a United States operation.

The difference

We held our first meeting at Gen. Eisenhower's villa in Algiers at 5 o'clock on May 20. Although much lay in the balance, I was well satisfied with this opening discussion. The desire of all the leaders to go forward on the boldest lines was clear, and I felt myself that the reservations made on account of the unknowable would be settled by events in accordance with my hopes. I now prepared what I called "Background Notes," setting forth the whole case for the attack on Italy, together with tables of the forces available.

We met again at Eisenhower's villa on the afternoon of May 31. Mr Eden arrived in time to be present. I tried to elicit matters, and, after referring to the paper I had circulated, said that my heart lay in an invasion of Southern Italy, but the forays of battle might necessitate a different course. At any rate, the alternative between Southern Italy and Sardinia involved the difference between a glorious campaign and a mere convenience.

Gen. Marshall was in no way hostile to these ideas, but he did not wish for a clear-cut decision. He said that it would be better to decide what to do after we had started the attack on Sicily. He felt it would be necessary to know something of the German reactions in order to determine whether there would be real resistance in Southern Italy, whether the Germans would withdraw to the Po, for example; whether they could organise and handle the Italians with any finesse; what preparations had been made in Sardinia, Corsica, or in the Balkans; what readjustments they would make on the Russian front.

Like winning

On the two following days

went on an American tour on his own, and I travelled with Gen. Alexander, meeting all the commanders and seeing stirring sights of troops. The sense of victory was in the air. The whole of North Africa was cleared of the enemy. A quarter of a million prisoners were cooped in our cages. Everyone was very proud and delighted. There is no doubt that people like winning very much. I addressed many thousand soldiers at Carthage in the ruins of an immense amphitheatre. Certainly the hour and setting lent itself to oratory. I have no idea what I said, but the whole audience clapped and cheered as doubtless their predecessors of two thousand years ago had done as they watched gladiatorial combats.

Great advances

Our last meeting, on June 3, was largely concerned with the question of bombing the marshalling yards of Rome, and there was agreement that they were an important and necessary military objective, and that there was no valid reason for refraining from bombing this target, provided the attacks were made by day and due care was taken to prevent damage elsewhere.

I felt that great advances had been made in our discussions and that everybody wanted to go for Italy, therefore, in summing up, stated the conclusions in a most moderate form and paid my tribute to Gen. Eisenhower. I said I would take home the feeling of confidence and comradeship which characterised action in this theatre.

Gen. Eisenhower replied that any praise which might be given belonged to the officers and the table and stated that while there might be differences of opinion and discussion in his headquarters, these were never based upon national lines. Gen. Marshall and Gen. Brooke warmly concurred, and we all parted on the best of terms.

A tragedy

Eden and I flew home together by Gibraltar. As my presence in North Africa had been fully reported, the Germans were exceptionally vigilant, and this led to a tragedy which much distressed me. The daily commercial aircraft was about to start from the Lisbon airfield when a thick mist came on and a pilot, who was a passenger on the plane, was taken as the aircraft was about to take off. Although these neutral passenger planes had been unmolested for many months between Portugal and England and had carried only civilian traffic, a German war plane was instantly ordered out, and the defenceless aircraft was ruthlessly shot down.

Fourteen civilian passengers perished, and among them the well-known British film actor Leslie Howard, whose grace and gifts are still preserved for us by the records of the many delightful films in which he took part. The brutality of the Germans was only matched by the

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Truman,
DESPITE NOISY 'PACIFIC-FIRSTERS'
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. I USED to think that if I were in charge of Soviet political warfare against the West the first thing I would do would be to establish two undercover agencies.

One would work in Britain, the other in the United States. Their job would be to cause disharmony and suspicion between the two most powerful adversaries of the Kremlin's ambition of world domination, to break up, if possible, the alliance between them. To accomplish this task—

1 I would order both agencies to attack and denounce the Communist movement in the most violent terms and to show fanatical zeal in witch-hunting bogus Communist plots.

2 I would order the American agency to exploit every possible opportunity of denouncing British selfishness and betrayal of their American ally. I would tell the British agency to do the same for the Americans in Britain.

That is what I used to think.

Now that I have arrived here to watch these important policy discussions between Attlee and Truman it seems to me that perhaps the appointment of special agents is superfluous.

There are a sufficient number of woolly-minded blunderers to do the job spontaneously and without directions from Moscow.

There is our Mr Shinwell in Britain with his attacks on MacArthur. Here in Washington there are anti-British senators and writers like John O'Donnell of America's top-sale New York Daily News.

Outburst

O'DONNELL says in a typical outburst: "Britain and France do not want war with Red China; do not want MacArthur to have permission to save American lives by knocking out enemy bases in Manchuria from which are pouring soldiers, arms, planes, causing American casualties..."

"They are afraid, if he does, that Britain's Hongkong and France's Indo-China might be placed in jeopardy."

He finishes up: "We Americans do not pay with U.S. blood and U.S. dollars to win battles for outlanders, but they have the audacity to come to Washington and tell us how our troops and generals should think

and fight—while they stay back in dear old London."

The O'Donnells, though highly vociferous, are still a small minority. Even so, they form a harassing pressure group whose influence Truman and Acheson cannot neglect.

Stampede

MORE dangerous still—and again all I have consulted are agreed on this—if a Dunkirk in Korea should be followed by British pressure for a Munich in the Pacific, with appeasement of the Chinese aggressors, this might well stampede the Americans into the arms of isolationist "Pacific-firsters."

These are the politicians who declare that America should let the selfish and cowardly Europeans look after themselves while she concentrates all her efforts on defending the Pacific island-belt from the Aleutians, via Formosa, to the Philippines.

However, despite the pressure of the "Pacific-firsters," the first round has gone to common sense.

Delays

THE Americans agreed to stall in the United Nations with their denunciation of the Chinese as aggressors and to play around awhile with procedure.

That, I understand, is the secret background to the vote this afternoon by the Steering Committee approving the United States demand to put the question of intervention by China on the Assembly agenda.

Tomorrow the Assembly will meet to assign the item to the Political Committee. The committee is expected to discuss it for about a week before returning it to the Assembly for final action.

This week's "machining" will delay the necessity for awkward commitments on the China question.

This will give time—time badly needed—

1 By Truman and Attlee—to talk things over to see whether they can find a common line of policy towards China;

2 By the Indians—who are trying to find a basis of negotiation with the Chinese;

3 By MacArthur, who is still hoping to stabilise a new line.

What chances are there of Truman and Attlee finding a way out of their difficulties which avoids war with China and preserves the faith of small nations in the United Nations?

The Chinese may indeed not be as completely under the Soviet thumb as her other satellites. But the mere awareness of Western anxiety to avoid war with them, coupled with the confidence in their own strength born of the Korean adventure, will make it impossible to bargain with the Chinese on reasonable terms.

Big Fuse

ALL this, of course, presupposes that the Russians determined to involve the West in an Asiatic war, do not make the Chinese attack United States-occupied Japan on a plea that the Americans are rearming Japan for aggression against China.

Such an attack, however, would inevitably blow the big fuse. But my hunch is that the Russians are still reluctant to embark on war themselves.

If Attlee and Truman can agree upon their Pacific policy—and at the speed things are going in Korea it is necessary for them to decide quickly—they must still settle what they are going to do in the West.

These things are so difficult—even without the sapping from direct provocations (such as here)

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LADIES' HOCKEY LEAGUE**Schoolgirls Drive
Recreio To Tears**

By "RECORDER"

*The King George V Schoolgirls drove Recreio to tears in yester-
day's Hockey League classic at the School ground. It was a fight all the
way and the winning goal came in the last minute of the game as outside-
left Shirley Read picked up a pass from inside-right Ruby Scott and
first-timed it into the top right hand corner of the net. It happened so
suddenly that Recreio's goalkeeper, H. Marcal, hadn't the ghost of a
chance to do anything about it.*Shirley's stellar effort climaxed a match in which the tide of battle turned
from one end of the field to the other with the two skippers, both their teams'
centre-forwards, holding the spotlight in goal-getting. The schoolgirls were two
up at the interval.Meanwhile, the victory-loving Victorians took it out of the Gremlins "B"
with a 5-1 score that showed the League's also-rans a much improved team on their
7-0 drubbing from KGVs "A" last week. The Dutch Ladies beat KGVs "B" by two
goals to nil and Gremlins "A" claimed a walkover from the University.As the League completed its
fifth week, Victorians moved to
the top with four victories in
five starts with KGVs "A" on
their tail with a point less and
a game in hand.**KGVs "A"-RECREIO**The Schoolgirls seemed all
set to take this match lying
down when Mother Read, tak-
ing time off from bullying the
Junior Gremlins, galvanised
them into action with the re-
minder "Get up, girls! The re-
feree has blown his whistle."The attempt to prove that
they weren't really determined
was off in a matter of seconds
and the Schoolgirls proceeded
to keep the play largely at the
Recreio end of the field. With-
in a few minutes of the open-
ing whistle, skipper Maureen
Hodkinson had put them one
up on a solo effort and before
half-time she had put the
School two up.Recreio were rather lost in
the first half. Inside-right Lily
Danenberg explained: "She
keeps trailing me all the time.
I take a step, she takes a step.
I move for the ball, she moves
with me."Which put in a nutshell
exactly what was going on.
Whatever other department
they may not excel in, the
KGVs Seniors have their
marking worked out to a fine
art. There isn't much indivi-
dualism in the team and when
skipper Maureen finds an open
road it is because centre-half
Pamela Wright and her aides,
Louise Warming and Margo
Blenkinsop, have established
the necessary roadblocks for
the opposition.The Recreio girls are a game
bunch and they don't deserve
to be beaten. Two goals down
at half-time and most of the
wind out of their sails, they
came back in the second-half
with rush tactics.Skipper Amanda Silva de-
cided that she would outrun
the opposition and she did with
two fine goals. The Recreio at-
tack was stronger on the right
wing with Elvie Tsok and Lily
Danenberg consistently worry-
ing Wright, Blenkinsop and
Shirley Winterston.Toward the end it developed
into a battle between Recreio's
right wing and Winterston. Elvie
Tsok ran herself out and that
was the end. Recreio's rush
tactics couldn't stand the pace
and the Schoolgirls kept press-
ing in the last few minutes."Nocky" Remedios and her
defence fell back in a last ditch
stand and they did their best.
It was luck and a Scott-Read
understanding that won the
match for the School.The goal came after the Re-
creio defence had broken up a
series of attacks from the
schoolgirls right wing of Vale-
rie Elliott and Ruby Scott,
backed by Louise Warming and
Pamela Wright.Again and again Recreio
broke up this attack and again
and again it would come back,
developing finally into one long
melee in front of goal.It was at the height of this,
one thrust after another being
cleared, that the attacked
switched slightly to centre,
was thrown back once more
and returned. As the Recreio
attack cleared once more,
inside-right Scott caught the
ball and sent it out to a left
wing in which everyone seem-
ed to have lost interest.It wasn't a well-timed pass,
but the youngest of the Reads
timed it down to perfection.
Here was a real corker of a
goal.**The teams:**KGVs "A": S. Graham,
Cunningham, M. Elliott, S. Win-
terston, L. Warming, P. Wright,
M. Blenkinsop, V. Elliott, R.
Scott, M. Hodkinson, H. Hale
and S. Read.RECREIO: H. Marcal, C. Sil-
va, E. Collaco, E. Danenberg,
E. Remedios, D. Ovario, E.
Tsok, L. Danenberg, A. Silva,
M. Rose and M. Blenkin-
sop.The Victorians further en-
hanced their prospects of win-
ning the Ladies' League title
with an impressive 5-1 win
over Gremlins "B".Against a team of potential
champions, the Gremlins
Juniors, however, put up an
impressive fight. The goal for
them was incidentally the firstThe Victorians opened their
score in the first minute
through Susan Whitworth.
Three further goals were ad-
ded through Joan Crighton, Beth
McNaughton and Susan Whit-
worth before the Gremlins got
their solitary goal.Trying to clear a centre from
the right, Sybil Franklin,
misled it and backslid into
her own goal. Be-
fore the end, Joan Crighton
snapped a pass from left wing
Beth McNaughton and pushed
the ball into the net for Vic-
torians' fifth goal.The teams were:
Victorians: P. Lederhofer; S.
Franklin, P. Phillips; N.
Buyers, P. Faber, P. Owen-
Hughes; S. Whitworth, H.
Foley, J. Crighton, M. Eddis
and B. McNaughton.Gremlins "B": Mrs. Gerrard;
Mrs. Giles, L. Smirnoff, D. San-
ders, R. Read, W. Cox-Wal-
ker, N. Colon, Mrs. Vianra, N.
Campbell, Ellery, Bonner.The Dutch Ladies kept
pressing against a stout KGVs
"B" defence for most of
the game between these two teams
and at half-time had got no-
where. They tried again in thesecond half and centre-forward
Mrs Brandt scored twice.The Schoolgirls, with a re-
modelled forward line, were
not very effective in attack.
Their defence, with Norma
Sun moved into the pivotal
position, held the Dutch to
some extent but couldn't ex-
ploit the openings to switch to
the offensive.The teams were:
Dutch Ladies: Mrs. H. de
Lange; Mrs. Stadman, Miss
Driessen, Miss Dorren, Mrs. van
Houten, Mrs. Decker; Mrs.
Pach, Miss Witkamp, Mrs.
Brandt, Miss Kamerlingh and
Mrs. van Daalen.KGVs "B": M. Revie; D.
Collar, K. Davis; P. James,
N. Sun, J. Davis; P. Ford, H.
Huang, S. Hewson, L. Butcher
and S. Hall.**HOW THEY STAND**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Victorians	5	4	0	1	16	8	7
KGVs "A"	4	3	1	0	14	5	8
Gremlins	5	3	1	1	12	2	7
Recreio	5	3	0	2	9	6	6
KGVs "B"	5	2	0	3	9	4	4
Dutch	5	2	0	3	6	0	4
University	4	1	0	3	4	8	2
Gremlins	5	0	0	5	1	20	0
"B"							

RIGHT WING MENACENo study of the Victorians left, right and centre
attack would be complete without Susan Whitworth,
the right wing menace, here seen dribbling through
the one but last ditch of the Gremlins' defence, Irene
Smirnoff.—China Mail Photo.**Commonwealth Lose
Six Wickets For 44**

Nagpur, Dec. 17.

A holiday crowd of 15,000 was kept interested in
the day's play between the Commonwealth and the
Governor's XI only by an unaccountable collapse of the
Commonwealth batting after tea, when six wickets fell
for 44 runs.Early this morning,
the Governor's XI, resuming at 127
runs for four wickets, lost three
more wickets at the same total
of 138 runs. But an enterprising
stand of 53 runs in an hour by
Mankad and Ramchand brought
them within striking distance
of the Commonwealth total
before being all out at 210
runs—22 runs behind.The Commonwealth took their
second knock with just over
two and a half hours to play.
After Laurie Fishlock had gone
at 14 runs, George Emmett and
Harold Glimblett added 96 runs
for the second wicket.Mankad, in an attempt to in-
fuse some life into the play,
called upon his non-bowling
players to take a turn with the
ball but the batsmen refused to
play forceful cricket.Play continued to be dull until
after tea, when the Common-
wealth collapsed against the
bowling of the off-spinner,
Kesar, and the leg-spinner,
Kishinchand, both of whom are
not considered regular bowlers.
—Reuter.**Arthur Poell says:****DON'T RUSH SNOOKERS.
THINK THEM OUT**WHEN a player takes the last red
and tapers slowly up to the
diamond green, the prospect for the
next man to hit yellow was sunniest
to watch a pro-
fessional snooker
match.A stroke of
this kind has
been tried with
the right hand
corner, sending
the ball into a
pocket. A stroke
of this kind has
been tried with
the left hand
corner, sending
the ball into a
pocket. A stroke
of this kind has
been tried with
the right hand
corner, sending
the ball into a
pocket.The position
was had enough
without adding
the problem of
the yellow ball
into the mix.
The yellow ball
is a small ball
and it is difficult
to hit. The yellow
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ball is a small ball
and it is difficult
to hit.Joan Crighton, the Victorians' goal-getting centre-forward, all set to put
another one in as the Gremlin Juniors' goalkeeper, Mrs. Gerrard, tries to outsmart
her. In the background are Gremlins' left-back, Irene Smirnoff and the Victorians'
dashing outside-left, Beth McNaughton.The spectator behind the goal could have shown more confidence. Miss
Crighton is a straight shooter though she packs a mean wallop in her stick—
China Mail Photo.**COMBINED SERVICES LED
DJURGARDENS 3-0
AFTER 15 MINUTES****But The Swedes Won 4-3
By "SPIV"**The Djurgardens soccer team
must have heaved a tremendous
sigh of relief when the charity
match against the Combined
Services XI yesterday was all
over. For they had never been
nearer to defeat in their Far
Eastern tour as they were in this
game.Play had been in progress
barely 15 minutes when they
found themselves three goals
down. Although the score was
reduced to 3-1 soon afterwards,
the Combined Services missed a
golden opportunity of consolida-
ting their lead just before the
interval—a goal that would have
made all the difference between
defeat and victory. Army's
Brown failed to convert a
penalty kick, sending the ball
straight to the goalkeeper! At
the interval the score was 3-1
for Combined Services but when
the final whistle blew it was 4-3
in favour of the Swedes.If the play served up had
been above expectation, the
support given to the match was
disappointing. The number of
spectators present yesterday
could not have exceeded 2,000.The Swedes fielded practically
their best team with the excep-
tion of Stelius at Right Wing
instead of Hilmer Pettersson. In
fairness to the visitors it must
be said that the strain of their
string of big games was evident
on most of them.Hans Jeppson, their star
centre-forward, appeared to be a
tired man, much slower than he
was in the first two matches here.
Despite this, however, he was
still the brains of the attack,
scoring two of the Swedes' goals
and being responsible to a large
measure for the other two. Two
players on the Djurgardens side
who showed any semblance of
their usual form were their
centre-left, Bent Ivgren, and
inside-left, Nils Cederberg. Better
constructive play and combina-
tion among the forwards, and an
ability to change their tactics
and last the pace were factors
which gave them their victory.To the Combined Services XI,
all of whom played well to
man, unstinted praise must be
extended for their fighting dis-
play.Outstanding among them,
however, was centre-half Cap-
tain. Showing excellent anticipa-
tion and positioning, he was the
mainstay of the defence, and
carried out his task of marking
Jeppson almost to perfection.Then there was right-back
Eithelidge who, pulled his side
out from many a tight corner
with tackling and clearances
and the two wing halves, Brown
and Woods.The forward line was the
speediest and most successful
of the local teams that have
come up against the Swedes.
Spearheaded by Gardner, their
first time through pass tactics,
especially in getting the ball
over Ivgren, always split
danger, with the two inside
ready to pounce on it.A hard pressed defence gave
them little scope in the second
half. Gardner's opportunism
earned him the honour of
scoring two of the Services' three
goals, the third being deflected
by the Swedes' right-back,
Ingvar Pettersson, into his own
goal.A cross kick rebounded
from a defender and went to
right-half Brown who centred a
grounder across.Running forward past the de-
fenders, Gardner snapped it and
slammed a rising cross shot past
the goalkeeper. Five minutes
later, the Swedish goalie failed
to hold a high centre from the
right, and as he was struggling
to get the ball, Gardner booted
it hard from his hands into the
net.Immediately after, a waist
high centre from the right wing
saw Gardner and inside-left
Graham rushing for it. Pet-
tersson contacted the ball too
hard and swept it into his own
goal. The next minute saw
Jeppson through on his own to
beat the goalie with a rising
shot.Just before the interval, Pet-
tersson was penalised for hands
during a scramble inside the box.
Taking the spot kick, Brown
drove in a powerful rising shot,
which was however too much to
the middle and was well
stopped by the goalkeeper.The players were:
Combined Services: McIntosh;
Eithelidge; Kirkland; J. Brown,
Capper, Woods; J. W. Brown,
Jones, Gardner, Graham,
Edwards.Djurgardens: Ove Nilsson;
Ingvar Pettersson, Arne Blom-
qvist, Birner Stenman, Bent
Ivgren, Hans Andersson; Hans
Stelius, Lennart Forsberg, Hans
Jeppson, Nils Cederberg and
Stig Nystrom.**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB****NOTICE TO MEMBERS****FIRST RACE MEETING**

Monday, 1st January, 1951.

There are ten races. The First Bell will be rung at 11.30
a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 Noon. The Tiffin
interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).Through Tickets (10 Races — \$20.00) may be obtained at
the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone
House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the
House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the "Pearce
Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for
by 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 30th December, will be sold and the
reservation cancelled at the Club's Office at Telephone House.To avoid congestion at the Club's Office it must be
non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at
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Week-end Cricket
COMBINED SCHOOLS COULD DO WITH STRONGER OPPOSITION
By "RECORDER"

The first postwar Combined Schools XI on Saturday put in a request for stronger opposition than could be provided with a KCC XI that included Willie Davidson and Pat Dodge but was otherwise a mixed First and Second XI affair. They haven't written a letter to the Cricket League. They did it via the scoreboard.

The Schoolboys, aware of the importance of the occasion, put up a display that they had, probably, never dreamt themselves capable of. Against two of the staidest wicket-takers of the season in the First Division they put up 138 runs for four wickets, taking 50 runs off Willie Davidson for his two wickets and 24 off "Tinker" Lee without sparing him one. "Tinker" finished off bowling round the wicket, always an admission of defeat.

It was a great occasion and one of the principal contributors to the Schoolboys' victory was Henry Ching, Jr., of DBS, who scored only three runs but took 29 minutes over it, facing the best of Davidson and Lee for 13 overs. With E. Webster of KGVs he brought the score to nine runs before losing his wicket to Davidson.

When Michael Koodiaroff came in at first wicket down the scoring rate went up off tired bowling and with Webster he put on 80 runs for the second wicket in 48 minutes. Webster put on 48 runs for the total and Koodiaroff 40, both making the top scores of their cricketing experience outside of Inter-House matches and slugging tests against scratch sides. Neither has ever seen 40 in a Second Division match.

R. S. Lin, of DBS, the best schoolboy batsman in town, didn't have very many minutes at the wicket but scored 24 runs.

In reply, KCC scored 73 runs in 59 minutes for six wickets. The first wicket they lost was that of Pat Dodge, who went to an acrobatic and spectacular catch by J. Davis at cover point off Nicholson.

SMART FIELDING
The Combined Schools' fielding was a delight to watch.

"Look," said an old-timer in the pavilion, "there are two of them backing him up."

The Schoolboys were up against a team, that, counting in all the non-regular First Division players in it, would still be worth a place half-way up the First Division table.

They won on enthusiasm and on the fact that they took the match seriously. It is a doubtful point that they could have beaten the same team with an opening bowler added to it.

They were not up against Willie Davidson on an off-day. His analysis at one stage read 0-5-7-1 and he finished with 20-6-50-2.

Webster's 46 came off sound defensive batting. He took 92 minutes over it. Koodiaroff's 48 came very much faster though there were few boundaries in it. He kept finding

ON THE RECORD
Angry Feline Tries To Claw This Columnist

Yesterday morning we went to watch the Victorians play the Junior Gremlins. Last Monday morning we had a lot of phone calls informing us that the suggestion made by a contemporary that the Gremlins was a figment of our imagination and that the actual result showed two goals for the Victorians and none for Recrelo.

We had quite a job of it on a busy morning explaining to peevish Victorians that we have no influence on our contemporaries and that we promised to headline them. We kept our promise and took it for granted that all hatchets were buried.

Hence our appearance at King's Park. Everything was going well until we saw 10 red-patched Victorians rushing out of a long corner. That put the wind right up us though, of course, at that precise moment they were only intent on butchering the Junior Gremlins.

The final whistle blown, we only stopped long enough for a word with the Junior Gremlins. They are a tough gang, though smallish, and this columnist felt that they were a safe side to be with in a free-for-all. Their stickwork is excellent when not glued to a ball.

However, Junior Gremlins don't spend all their time playing hockey or talking about it. They have other chores. They split up.

We came down the steps from the Navy ground and very nearly ran into the Victorians, still about seven or eight strong, arguing about who should and who shouldn't get into a motor vehicle designed for six at most.

All Victorian attention was turned on that means of transport and we managed to slip by them, an open road before us and that hole in the Recrelo fence about 20 yards away.

We bent down and made for that hole. But there wasn't one there any more. The people who look after the Recrelo decided it was about time it should be closed up.

On the other side of the hole that wasn't there sat, an ugly looking cat, black and white, affable known as "Momeng". We have always got along with cats. "What happened to this fence?" we asked her.

"Some stupid newspaperman came around about a fortnight ago and wrote about the place in his column," the cat said. "He kept fretting me all day. There are lots of good things to be had around the King's Park Apartments but you can't get them."

"Look," we said, feeling quite safe, "lots of other cats have tried to do that to us." At that, Momeng broke down and mewed pitifully. "Come on," we coaxed her, "tell us about Whiskey."

We got that story about Whiskey out of her. It wasn't a very good story, but rather curious. It appears that Whiskey was so called because he was a whiskey-addict. The name had nothing to do with his whiskers.

One day he had quite some whiskey under his belt (cats wear belts though you may not have noticed) and was feeling rather convivial. He got mixed up in particularly rowdy company and had two more caucers too many. That was the end of Whiskey. He is still a legend at Recrelo.

Even cats like to pour their heart out and by the time we had finished, Momeng wasn't resenting that closed up hole in the fence very much. We told her how to make a detour down the road through the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club.

It's a circuitous route but it leads to the King's Park Apartments. On her way up, we hope, Momeng may meet the Navy clubhouse tom. He's rather a nice fellow, and unlikely to take to whiskey. They only serve beer at the Navy clubhouse.

Now, many people reading this story may not believe it. It's a long time since Alice was in Wonderland and grown up children still read "Winnie the Pooh" but have lost any credence in the fact that animals can converse.

For the non-believer, this columnist suggests a check-up on the facts as outlined here.

"RECORDER"

Disappointing Interport Trial
By "OBSERVER"

Yesterday's hockey interport trial was another disappointment. It was thought that the Selection Committee had already passed the experimental stage after the holding of the previous two trials, and that a Colony probable "A" team were to be given some practice yesterday by a probable Colony "B" XI.

Instead of that there was a wholesale reshuffling of players in the second half, for the mere reason that a number of reserves had been asked to be present and that they should therefore be given a chance to play. The result was a listless game completely devoid of the zeal or determination that is usually seen even in a Second Division League game.

The Selection Committee must have certainly worked a number of League games and general League form together with what they saw in last week's trials should certainly give them a very good idea by now what the basic composition of the Colony's two teams is. If there is any reshuffling, why not only replace the player that the Committee think is a misfit?

HIGH TIME

With only five weeks more to go, and with only two more trials possible before the interport match with Macao, it appears high time that the Selection Committee concentrate on selecting Hongkong's probable "A" and "B" teams and give them as much practice as possible, instead of wasting time in so-called giving chances to as many players as possible to show their worth.

What Hongkong needs is a combining forward line, with forwards knowing where to position themselves to take their halves' passes.

To do this they must be given opportunities to play together as a team as much as possible. If any of the forwards is unsuitable change him, but certainly not the whole forward line.

Most of the spectators who were present at yesterday's trial were more pessimistic than ever of Hongkong's chances against Macao and unless the Selection Committee really get going, it is generally felt that Hongkong is in for a real drubbing.

HAIRLINE FINISH

In the Chater Road match at Saturday between the Hongkong Cricket Club Under 35s and a total of 430 runs were scored in 105 minutes. Tony Raynor hit Len Stokes for three consecutive sixes and more sixes were scored in one afternoon than anyone of our current generation remembers at Chater Road.

The Under 35s put on 90 runs in 30 minutes. They had 120 runs up in 45 minutes and declared at 214 runs for five wickets after 90 minutes' play.

They left the Over 35s a generous 105 minutes for victory and the ancients just scraped through with 50 runs in the first 20 minutes, a 100 after 45 minutes and 213 after 100 minutes odd.

The last ball of the match saw Harry Owen-Hughes batting and one run needed for a tie and two for victory. The Senior Elder jabbed the ball down and called for a run.

H. M. Newton, in a full length flying dive, missed the wicket and the Senior Elder again called for a run. He reached the other end before Harry Rankine had heard him and there was the unusual spectacle of two batsmen, nine fieldsmen and both umpires at the same end of the wicket.

Of course, a yard out, plectrum up the ball and took an easy underarm throw, clean missing the wicket as Rankine completed the winning run.

The run-getters were A. P. Raynor (61), R. M. MacPherson (69), R. Thessen-Enders (28 not out) and Tony Weller (44 not out). The Under 35s, Len Stokes (89), Laurie Kilbey (26), Alec Pearce (23), Harry Owen-Hughes (50 not out) and Frank Howarth (28) for the Over 35s. Frank bowled again, taking one wicket for 44 runs. He must be a better batsman than a bowler.

MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

1ST DIVISION	
Team	P W D L Pts
Argonauts	8 8 0 0 16
Recrelo "A"	8 5 1 2 11
Police "A"	8 3 1 4 7
Royal Navy	8 3 0 5 6
HK Hockey Club	7 2 0 5 4
Recrelo "B"	7 1 1 5 3
Thunderbolts	7 0 0 7 0
Argonauts "B"	7 0 1 6 1
University	7 4 2 1 10
Dutch	7 3 2 2 8
YMCA	7 4 0 3 8
Nomads	7 3 1 3 7
HKAAP	6 1 0 5 2
Rovers	8 1 0 7 2
Police "B"	8 1 0 7 2

2ND DIVISION	
Team	P W D L Pts
Argonauts	8 8 0 0 16
Recrelo "A"	8 5 1 2 11
Police "A"	8 3 1 4 7
Royal Navy	8 3 0 5 6
HK Hockey Club	7 2 0 5 4
Recrelo "B"	7 1 1 5 3
Thunderbolts	7 0 0 7 0
Argonauts "B"	7 0 1 6 1
University	7 4 2 1 10
Dutch	7 3 2 2 8
YMCA	7 4 0 3 8
Nomads	7 3 1 3 7
HKAAP	6 1 0 5 2
Rovers	8 1 0 7 2
Police "B"	8 1 0 7 2

TONIGHT'S BADMINTON
By "Argonaut"

Two very interesting games are included in tonight's programme of Badminton League matches.

A Bridges Street, the Chinese YMCA "A" team will take on Club de Recrelo in their return Men's "A" Division encounter.

In their first round match, the Chinese Y team consisting of the Colony's top notches, P. K. Hui, Patsy Wong, C. K. Lee, W. F. Foo, D. C. Lau and Ramon Young, were victorious by eight sets to one.

Since then the Recrelo team with the two promising youngsters, A. J. Remedios and Billy Soong, have improved tremendously with constant practice. A high standard of badminton should be seen.

Highlight of the Men's "C" Division games is the first clash between the hitherto unbeaten Chung Wah and the Kowloon Tong Club. Kowloon Tong Club is this year's dark horse and it will not be surprising if they achieve the distinction of being the first team to lower the colour of the White flag.

THE PROGRAMME

The following is tonight's programme:

Mens "A" Division
Chinese YMCA "A" v Recrelo
Mens "C" Division
Triumphant "A" v
Recrelo v Chung Wah
Chinese YMCA v Kowloon Tong

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Warning To Japanese Exporters

Tokyo, Dec. 17. A Chamber of Commerce official who returned recently from a tour of the United States warned Japanese exporters against dishonest practices which were undermining the reputation of "Made in Japan" goods, reports the English language Nippon Times today.

Kiyoto Ushiyama, Chairman of the Wawa City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, warned that the Japanese export trade faced a bleak future if consumers throughout the world began to think that they must watch out for the "Made in Occupied Japan" mark.

Complaints against Japanese exporters were that some of them would send excellent samples but would deliver inferior merchandise after contracts were concluded. Faulty packing was damaging goods which otherwise would have been accepted. Failure to deliver on time was another complaint.

Mr. Ushiyama said that it was generally regarded that Japanese products were old-fashioned, easy to break and high priced.—Reuters.

S'pore Rubber

Singapore, Dec. 16. Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. December	172-173
January (1951)	168-169
February	164-165
Number 2 rubber, December	167-168
January	161-162
Number 3 rubber, December	151-152
January	142-143
Spot rubber, unbleached	152-153
Black crepe	120-121
No. 1 pale crepe	170-171

—United Press.

However, rubber and tin are regarded by some commentators here as bright spots in the dark commodity picture. Supplies of tin, rubber and wool are also being sought by the USSR. But such a scheme is not possible to develop in peace time, it is recognised.

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BRITISH PROBLEMS IN COMMODITY SUPPLY

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 17. Since Premier Attlee came back from Washington there has been speculation on the passage in his communique dealing with supplies of raw materials.

Looked at from Britain's viewpoint there are two separate problems: one is the price which particularly affects materials such as rubber and tin which the United States is stockpiling, and the other is the actual supplies.

As Mr. Attlee remarked in the Commons debate this week, the most urgent of commodities actually in short supply for industry are sulphur and zinc. The announcement made on Friday concerning immediate measures for allocating zinc by the United Kingdom Government and the United States plan for allocating sulphur supplies both at home and abroad does not clear up doubts and confusions.

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Cotton Makes A Spirited Recovery

New York, Dec. 16. Cotton futures made a spirited recovery late in the week following the period of nervousness created by the war and Washington uncertainties. The reversal of form reflected four main influences: firstly, the closure of a vast textile buying programme for the Army. Secondly, increased domestic mill and exporter buying. Thirdly, hopes that raw cotton would escape price ceiling action, and fourthly, revived emphasis on the tight supply situation which may develop before next harvest.

At Friday's close, the list ruled 35 to 39 points or \$1.75 to \$4.05 a bale higher than the previous week.

Discussing the possibilities of price ceilings, a New York Cotton Exchange trade report said many thought that if ceiling prices were established on raw cotton, it would very likely be around the 41 cents level.

Exports of American cotton were expanding as a result of the recent increases in export licences, but shippers said the situation was complicated by demands for licences in excess of the quotas by several leading countries.

The New York Cotton Exchange service estimated that domestic consumption of all cotton during the five-week period ended December 2 totalled 980,000 bales, compared with 835,000 bales in the previous four-week period and 772,000 bales in the calendar month of November last year.

On this basis, the Exchange estimated the consumption for the first four months of the current season—August in November—about 700,000 bales above the same period last year. The indicated annual usage rate was 10,770,000 bales on a straight average basis, compared with 9,851,000 bales in the previous season.—United Press.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$10,882. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:

SHARERS BUYERS SELLERS SALES	
HSK Bank	1310
East Asia	54 @ 110
HSK Inds	650
Union	90
HSK Wharf	12 1/2
HSK Dock	10 1/4
HSK Provident	500 @ 3 1/2
HSK Hotel	82 @ 21.50
HSK Land	730
HSK Land	110
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NY Cotton Futures

New York, Dec. 16. Prices in the cotton futures market here closed today as follows:

Spot	43.77
December	42.65-42.68
March (1951)	42.02
May	41.65-41.70
July	39.32-39.38
October	37.92 nominal
December	37.75
March (1952)	37.48 nominal

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot	42.65
December	42.50-42.53
March (1951)	42.01-42.03
July	41.50-41.55
October	39.32
December	37.60
March (1952)	37.60 bid
May	37.41 bid

—United Press.

Wool Shortage In America

Washington, Dec. 17. Investigating Senators blamed the Munitions Board for a wool shortage which they say will cost the U.S. millions of dollars and might well result in inadequately-clad troops.

A blistering report issued by a Senate Armed Services Preparedness Sub-Committee said the U.S. "has no wool in stockpile, no wool in inventory, and less than enough wool in prospect through our domestic production."

It said this situation resulted from "the Munition Board's wool folly."—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local monetary exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £)	15.50
U.S. dollar (per ¥)	6.125
U.S. dollar (per 100)	4.90
U.S. dollar (per 100)	20.00

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"KENDRICK"	San Francisco	Jan. 13	Jan. 13	Singapore, Djakarta, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi & Basrah

Two Men Face Grave Charges

On charges of robbery and possession of arms, Chung Ting, 24, unemployed, and Lau Seung, 22, unemployed, were both remanded for three days by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Defendants were alleged to have committed an armed robbery on December 1 at Shatin Gap, where they robbed five persons of clothing, cash and jewelry.

The first defendant is additionally charged with possession of one automatic pistol and seven rounds of ammunition in Lung Kong Road on December 15. The second defendant is charged with possession of one short firearm on December 16 at Mau Ping Village, Salunkung, New Territories.

Mail Notices

A surface mail to United Kingdom per R.M.S. Carthage will be closed on December 22. This mail is expected to arrive in London on or about January 2, 1951.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles (by air or sea) and parcel post close one hour before the ordinary hour where mails close on Sunday or before 10 a.m. on any other day, registered and parcel post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
Closing Times by Air
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Persian Gulf Ports, East Africa, South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, French North Africa & France, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
Closing Times by Air
Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A. (letters second class mail and parcel class mail), Canada (letters only), 5 p.m.
Siam, Noon
Formosa & U.S.A. 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Siam, 10 a.m.
Malaya, 2 p.m.
New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20
Closing Times by Air
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
Closing Times by Air
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.

BOAC PLANE ARRIVES

The first scheduled BOAC Argonaut from London to Hongkong since the end of the London Airport electricians' strike arrived at Kai Tak this morning.

It was a day late, having been held up at Bangkok.

The plane brought 22 passengers, mostly from London and 75 bags of mail.

It also carried a few bags of mail for Korea.

Infringed Copyright Alleged

Summonses Against Stores Adjourned

Five summonses taken out by George Yin Non of 511 Nathan Road, third floor, owner of the copyright in a book entitled "Foundation, Chinese Language," against five bookstores for alleged infringement of copyright, were adjourned sine die by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Appearing for the complainant, Mr A. C. Arculli applied for the adjournment, explaining that certain terms had been offered to his client by the defendants, who will be represented by Mr J. C. Stewart.

Summonses for the alleged infringement were the manager of the Kwong Tin bookstore of 105 Thomson Road, the manager of the Shing Kee bookstore of 87 Nanchang Street, the manager of the Tai Fong bookstore of 56 Nathan Road and the Tai Chung bookstore of 241 Keelung Street.

On a summons for knowingly, by way of trade, offering for sale infringing copies of the book concerned on September 10 was Chen Tong of 282 Shanghai Street, third floor.

CHARGED WITH PETROL THEFT

Twenty-year-old Man Pui-sai of 308 Nathan Road, first floor, was remanded until Friday when he came before Mr d'Almeida at Kowloon today for simple larceny.

Man Pui was charged with the theft of two gallons of petrol which the police alleged he and his friend stole from a car parked in Pine Hill Street at 5 a.m. on December 12.

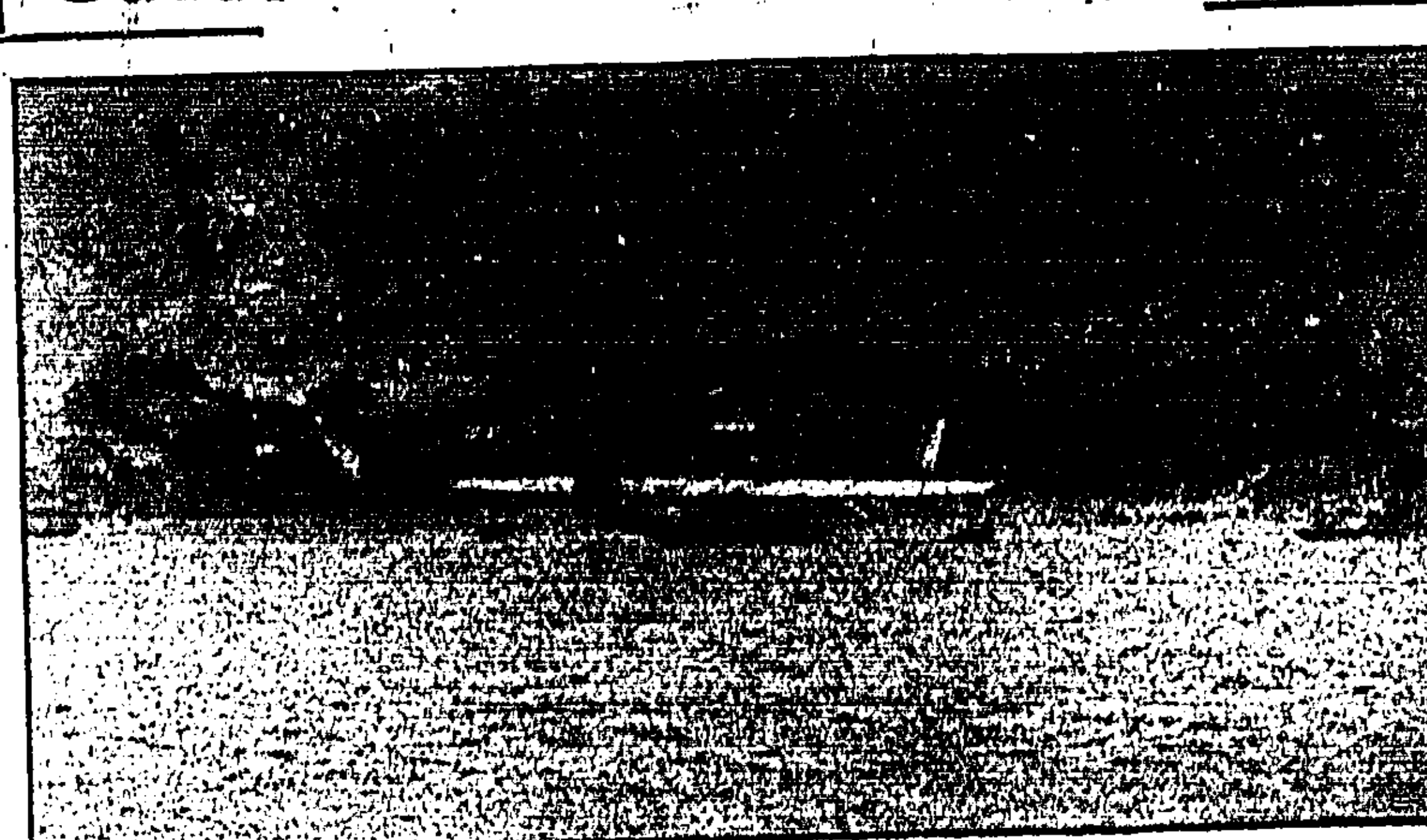
The defendant said he and his friend were driving a car and ran short of petrol. His friend went to steal it without his knowledge.

The police revealed that the defendant had been in hospital suffering from a gunshot wound and had only been discharged last Saturday.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. "Hongkong Calling" Programme Summary: 6.02, "Children's Hour" cond. by Jack Frost. (Studio); 6.30, "Portuguese Hour" (Studio); 7.00, "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 7.15, "John Bull's Band" (British B.B.C.); 7.45, "Marek Weber and his orchestra" (London Relay); 8.00, "Cater Talks on Films" (Studio); 8.25, "Interlude" (Studio); 8.30, "I Like What I Like" presented by Minkie Wit-kerry (Studio); 9.00, "Rama" (B.B.C.); 9.30, "Concerto" 10.00, "Radio News Reel" (London Relay); 10.15, "Weather Report" 10.45, "Far from the Land" - A Play by Ruth Park produced by James Mageean. (B.B.C.); 11.15, "Goodnight Music" 11.20, "Weather Report: God Save the King" 11.30, Close Down.

Catalina Towed To Safety



This picture taken during the weekend off Lapa Island, near Macao, shows the Hongkong-registered and privately owned Catalina plane which had to make a forced landing last week, but was saved from sinking by a Chinese gunboat which towed it to safety. Three members of the crew and a passenger were rescued by Chinese Communists, and representations have been made by the British authorities for their release.—Photograph by our Macao correspondent.

Cane And Term In Gool

Snatcher Sentenced

Arraigned before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning, Ho Sing was sentenced to four years and 12 strokes of the cane when he pleaded guilty to larceny from the person.

Remarking that it was a border line case of robbery, Mr W.A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, who was assisted by Det. Sub-Insp. R.C. Laurel, said that the complainant was Lai Shu-ngo, a young woman of 20 years of age. In the afternoon of October 30 she left her home in Po Hing Fong and went shopping.

Complainant was wearing a gold bracelet on her left wrist at the time. As she was returning home carrying a number of parcels in her hands, accused seized her left wrist and wrenched the bracelet from it. He then pushed her to the ground. As a result of the fall, both her knees and the left forearm were bruised. There were also a few scratches on her wrist.

Accused was unemployed and had only been in the Colony for 20 days before the offence, Counsel said.

Passing sentence, his Lordship told the accused that he was lucky to be charged with larceny and not with robbery.

Lord McGowan Resigns

The Board of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited announced with regret that the Rt. Hon. Lord McGowan KBE, DCL, LL.D. has for reasons of health and acting on medical advice, intimated his intention of relinquishing his position as Chairman of the Board and of resigning from the Board of the Company on December 31, 1950.

Lord McGowan has been actively associated with the Company and its predecessors in title for over 35 years. He was Limited one of the four companies which merged to form Imperial Chemical Industries Limited in December 1926, and was the first President and Deputy Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited on its incorporation, succeeding the first Lord Metchett as Chairman on the latter's death in December 1930.

The Board has unanimously appointed Mr John Rogers OBE as Chairman of the Board to succeed Lord McGowan with effect on and from 1st January 1951.

In view of Lord McGowan's long and distinguished services to the Company and to British Industry, the Board have offered Lord McGowan, and he has accepted, the position of Honorary President of the Company with effect on and from 1st January 1951.

Contempt Of Court

For contempt of Court, Tang Wo 52-year-old coolie a native of Chin Chau, was fined \$10 on four days by Mr Reynolds at Central this morning. Defendant was arrested when he was seen smoking a cigarette in Court on Saturday morning while the cases were being heard by Mr Reynolds.

Four Men Receive Stiff Sentences

Four men who forced their way into the home of a family living in Sai Yee Street as dawn was breaking on October 21 and stole HK\$2,110 and US\$1,255 were each sentenced to 11 years hard labour and ordered to receive 12 strokes of the cane by Mr Justice Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

The men, Ma Chun, Lam Ching, alias Lam Bli-sing, Chan Sam-sun and Tsang Pat, all pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery with aggravation.

A fifth man, Yeung Sul-tak, who pleaded not guilty to the same offence was discharged when the prosecution offered no evidence.

The second accused was also charged with illegal possession of arms and ammunition and sentenced to eight years hard labour. The sentence is to run concurrent with the first.

Mr Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, prosecuting said that a family of five living at 233, Sai Yee Street, had been playing mah-jong all night when the accused burst in on them.

The accused, one of whom had a gun, herded the family into a corner of the room and bound and gagged them. The men then ransacked the premises. Besides taking money from their victims the men found \$1,000 in US notes hidden in a shoe.

The men were arrested two days later. Of the money recovered the most part of it was found on the first accused. The robbery, Mr Blair-Kerr said had been apparently well planned.

Robbed Taxi Driver

For robbing a taxi driver employed by the Dollar Motor Company of \$38 and a wrist watch two men, Chan Yiu and Cheung Yat-sing, were each sentenced to seven years hard labour and ordered to receive 12 strokes of the cane by Mr Justice Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

The men were stated by Mr Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, to have hired the taxi in Queen's Road Central on the evening of November 8.

After the first accused had got into the taxi beside the driver the second man, who sat in the rear, put a dagger to the neck of the driver and told him to put his hands up. After binding the driver the two men relieved him of \$38 and his wrist watch.

It was said that both men were already serving sentence imposed by a lower Court for a similar offence.

Fishing Boat Carries Cattle

For breach of his licence/conditions, Li Chol-lee, master of fishing boat No. F40HL, was fined \$100 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

According to the Prosecution, defendant's boat was intercepted off North Point by the Marine Police at 8.40 a.m. on December 15 and 20 head of cattle were found on board.

The boat came from Swabue and was not licensed to carry cargo. The Prosecuting Officer added.

Defendant, pleading guilty, said that he had intended to apply for a trading licence on arrival in Hongkong. This was the first time the boat had carried cargo.

HILLSIDE FIRE

A fire appliance from Eastern Fire Station rushed to the junction of Island Road and Repulse Bay Road about 10.30 a.m. today and quenched a grass fire on the hillside about 140 yards from Repulse.

Ex-PC Sent To Prison For Six Years Unlawful Possession Of Firearms

A former Hongkong Police constable, Lui Sik-fan, 31, who pleaded guilty, on arraignment, to unlawful possession of a revolver, a pistol and six rounds of ammunition, was sentenced to six years hard labour by the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, said that accused was arrested in his cubicle in Gage Street on October 29 last. The weapons and ammunition were found in a chest of drawers, wrapped in a parcel. Both guns were in good working order.

Accused was born in Hongkong, the Prosecution continued. He had been in the Police Force for 10 years. He first joined in 1940 and then rejoined the Force after the re-occupation. He had spent a good deal of time, during the postwar years, on the CID staff at various stations. He resigned in August, this year.

Pleading in mitigation on behalf of the accused, Mr S. V. Gilts (instructed by Mr Peter Mo), said that since accused's resignation from the Police Force, he had been a pharmacist and a broker. Dependent on three children, the eldest 11 years of age and the youngest four years.

The shock of accused's arrest brought on the death of his mother which occurred three weeks ago, Counsel said.

Mr Gilts stated that the guns were the property of a village clan in the country and when the Communists occupied that area all weapons were ordered to be turned in. An uncle of the accused brought the arms into the Colony and asked accused's mother to care for them until he could take them away and join a band of guerrillas. This was about five days before the arrest. Accused's uncle had not since returned to claim the guns.

Counsel asked the Court to take these factors into consideration when passing sentence.

His Lordship told the accused that he would be as light in his sentence as he could in view of accused's good record in the Police Force, but accused of all people, having been in the Police for so long, must have known how serious an offence had been committed.

Sentence of six years was remitting that accused was not fit for corporal punishment.

The arms and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

OTHER CASES

Pleading guilty to unlawful possession of a fully loaded .45 Remington gun, Leung Kong, was sentenced to eight years and 12 strokes by Mr Justice Gould in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, said accused was arrested, on information, on November 5 last at an address in Nanchang Street. The gun which was tucked in accused's girdle was a very powerful one and was in good working order. In fact one round was in the breach.

Accused who was unemployed for 10 days prior to his arrest, Counsel said.

Another unemployed man who had been in the Colony for 13 days before his arrest was given seven years and 12 strokes when he pleaded guilty to possession of a revolver and three rounds of ammunition.

Mr Blair-Kerr told his Lordship that accused, Yau Hing, was arrested about 5 p.m. on October 13 last on Ngan Tsai Wan Road. He took the Police to a house nearby and pointed to a spot where the gun was concealed.

Counsel said that the gun was capable of being fired, but had not been fired for some time. It was loaded with three rounds, two of which had been lightly struck. He drew the attention

ANCIENT HISTORY REVEALED

Washington, Dec. 17. The State Department has disclosed in a new series of secret diplomatic documents published yesterday that Mr William Bullitt, American Ambassador in Moscow, telegraphed to the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, on March 13, 1934, that Russia wanted a treaty pledging non-aggression between the Soviet Union and the United States.

He warned, however, the next day that the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Litvinov, had suggested that President Roosevelt should propose such an agreement between the United States, Russia, Japan and China.

Mr Hull replied that the President "views with disfavor the idea of any non-aggression pact restricted to less than the whole group of powers that have interests in the Pacific."

Mr Bullitt stated later that Mr Litvinov pressed his idea and had suggested that the proposal might be advanced either in the hope that such a pact may be considered or with the idea that it would be turned down by the Japanese. The exchange of messages was included in the first of five volumes containing the official documentary record of American diplomatic relations for 1934.

Pick-Pocket At Exhibition

A life banished was arrested last Saturday in the company of the Exhibition of Chinese Products as he was trying to pick the pocket of a visitor. The man, Pun Pui-chai, 22, came before Mr d'Almeida at Kowloon this morning and was sentenced to 18 months.

According to Inspector Owen, the complainant, Ko Sau-leung, was with a friend at the Exhibition about 8.15 p.m. when he noticed defendant lurking about to Ko's jacket. He asked the complainant whether he had lost anything. On investigating, Ko found his pocket cut.

He then raised the alarm and defendant in trying to escape ran into the arms of a Chinese detective patrolling among the crowd.

The defendant had been deported in December 1942 for larceny from person.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

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The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "I" in the one hundred and seventeenth position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "O" in the one hundred and eighteenth position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "N" in the one hundred and nineteenth position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "U" in the one hundred and twentieth position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "T" in the one hundred and twenty-first position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "I" in the one hundred and twenty-second position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "O" in the one hundred and twenty-third position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "N" in the one hundred and twenty-fourth position. 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